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Ideas Wanted for Library

Dear Editor

On behalf of the Rountree Library Preservation Committee, I would like to thank everyone who attended the April 19, 1998 meeting of the Jayne Rountree Library.

Your comments and idea will be of continuing value as we more forward in developing the library.

If you have additional ideas or suggestions please let me know.

It is only through community input and support that the library can grow to preserve our history and meet the information needs of our community.

Again, thank you for taking time our of you busy schedules to help develop the Mission and Vision of the Library.

Sincerely,
Michael Wayne Bennett
Volunteer Librarian

Friends Missed

Dear MGW,

I was pleased to learn that I'm again on the staff at MGW.

Things are going well down here and my household now consists of two dogs, a lab mix and a shepherd/husky mix.

I hope all's well there. I miss my friends in Sacramento, but not the crowding, pollution, weather, etc.

Best Regards,
Joe Heller
Arizona

Vote Fargo

Dear Editor,

Election time is upon us again. This time for the City Council.

Being gay it would be nice to be represented by an openly gay person, but I would rather be represented by the best person considering who the gay person is.

Walter Mueller (who is gay) is running to represent District 1 as a conservative Republican. He is vowing to get rid of all so called undesirables and vote against progressive ideas. He is basically a "Ward Connerly" of the gay and lesbian community.

That's why I'm casting my vote for Heather Fargo. She has always had an open ear to all the people she represents.

Robert Morris
Sacramento

Helping SAGA

Dear Editor,

Thanks so much for your help in co-sponsoring the Romanovsky & Phillips concert for SAGA. It was successful for us and for them.

Keep up the good work.

Jim Sechelski
SAGA Sacramento
Gay Games

Thank You

Dear Linda and Staff,

I would like to thank you for the beautiful obituary you wrote for Shannon. I truly appreciate it. Thanks for all you do for the community.

Sincerely,
Joe Hall-Davis
Sacramento

Lots To Do...

Dear Editor,

Just an epistle to let you know there is still more to do on Tuesday night in Sacramento.

Come to Oddville! Laughs Unlimited, Bocephus, Chad, und Mike present an eclectic, electric: didactic yet never pedantic show in the tradition of vaudeville. Featuring some of the best talent from Sacramento and the Bay Area.

Sincerely,
Matt Hanf
Sacramento

Great Article

Dear Linda and Staff,

Congrats on the anniversary and the great article in the Bee.

David Kemp, PH.D.
Sacramento

Response to an Inquiry
Lavender Sprawl

A student at the university called recently asking MGW to describe the parameters of "Lavender Heights." His inquiry prompted us to reflect on the fact Sacramento does not have a "gay ghetto" and that the perceived concentration of LGBTs in mid-town is probably nothing more than a function of available housing and the higher population density in the central city. Further, the fact that most of the clubs that serve us—Faces, The Depot, Mercantile, Mirage, and the soon-to-open Garage—are located in what we may affectionately call Lavender Heights should be understood in relation to the fact that there are also more restaurants in this same area, which surely does not mean that the residents of mid-town eat more.

In the opinion of MGW, we should count ourselves lucky to have escaped "ghettoization." We truly are everywhere. From the Lincoln to Laguna, from Prairie City to Point West, from the Mother Lode to mid-town it's all Lavender Heights. ▼

— The Editor

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Thank You!

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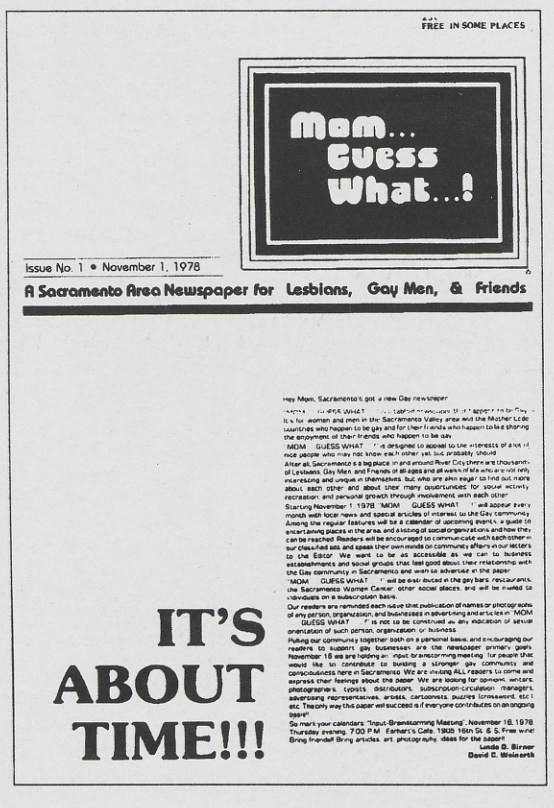
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Mom... Guess What...!

Issue No. 1 • November 1, 1978

A Sacramento Area Newspaper for Lesbians, Gay Men, & Friends

Hey Mom, Sacramento's got a new Gay newspaper

MOM GUESS WHAT ... is for women and men in the Sacramento Valley area and the Mother Lode countries who happen to be gay and for their friends who happen to be sharing the enjoyment of their friends who happen to be gay.

MOM GUESS WHAT ... is designed to appeal to the interests of a lot of nice people who may not know each other yet, but probably should.

After all, Sacramento is a big place in and around River City there are thousands of Lesbians, Gay Men and Friends of all ages and all walks of life who are not only interesting and unique in themselves, but who are also eager to find out more about each other and about their many opportunities for social activity, recreation and personal growth through involvement with each other.

Starting November 1, 1978 "MOM GUESS WHAT ..." will appear every month with local news and special articles of interest to the Gay community. Among the regular features will be a calendar of upcoming events, a guide to entertaining places in the area, and a listing of social organizations and how they can be reached. Readers will be encouraged to communicate with each other in our classified ads and speak their own minds on community affairs in our letters to the Editor. We want to be as accessible as we can to business establishments and social groups that feel good about their relationship with the Gay community in Sacramento and want to advertise in the paper.

"MOM GUESS WHAT ..." will be distributed at the gay bars, restaurants, the Sacramento Women Center, other social places, and will be mailed to individuals on a subscription basis.

Our readers are reminded each issue that publication of names or photographs of any person, organization, and businesses in advertising and articles in "MOM GUESS WHAT ..." is not to be construed as any indication of sexual orientation of such person, organization, or business.

Pulling our community together both on a personal basis, and encouraging our readers to support gay businesses are the newspaper primary goals. November 18 we are holding an input brainstorming meeting for people that would like to contribute to building a stronger gay community and consciousness here in Sacramento. We are inviting ALL readers to come and express their feelings about the paper. We are looking for opinions, writers, photographers, typists, distributors, subscription-circulation managers, advertising representatives, artists, cartoonists, puzzlers (crossword, etc.) etc. The only way this paper will succeed is if everyone contributes on an ongoing basis!

So mark your calendars "Input-Brainstorming Meeting", November 16, 1978 Thursday evening, 7:00 P.M. Earhart's Cafe 1905 16th St. & S. Free wine! Bring friends! Bring articles, art, photography, ideas for the paper!

Linda B. Birner
David C. Weisenth

IT'S ABOUT TIME!!!

Top News Story: No on 6 Benefit

On Saturday November 4th at 8:00 p.m., Holly Near and Meg Christian are performing their music at Sacramento City College Auditorium. Along with J.T. Thomas, they are presently on a statewide tour designed to entertain, advocate, and raise funds for organizations working for the defeat of Proposition Six. This measure, also known as the Briggs Initiative, is on the November ballot and would require investigations into the private lives of any public school employees who are accused of supporting, advocating, or being homosexuals.

Both Holly Near and Meg Christian have received overwhelming grassroots support for their continued individual efforts to promote human rights. Their musical talents have been combined for this Saturday evening pre-election concert. The original music of both women will be accompanied by Meg's highly polished guitar playing and J.T. Thomas' piano performance..

Holly Near is a singer ,songwriter, and cultural worker who has three albums out on her own label, Redwood Records. Her voice is powerful and clear as she sings songs that speak to the joys and struggles that are familiar to women around the world.

Meg Christian is a feminist singer, songwriter, guitarist, and autoharpist. Her style encompasses aspects of Classical, folk, country, mountain, and contemporary music. She has written and collected a large and varied repertoire of women's music: music that talks about what it's really like to be a woman. She has two albums out on Olivia Records, an Oakland-based women's music collective.

The performance at Sacramento City College Auditorium is produced by Crystal Moon Productions in conjunction with Olivia Records, Redwood Records, Roadwork, Woman's Alliance for Change and Sacramento Valley No on Six. Part of the proceeds from this concert will be going to organizations working against proposition six. ▼

—November 1, 1978

Chastity Bono to Appear at CAP PAC Dinner

Chasity Bono is the featued speaker at CAP PAC Dinner.

Lesbian activist Chastity Bono, daughter of the late Congressman Sonny Bono and step daughter of newly elected Congresswoman Mary Bono, will be the featured speaker at CAP PAC's 10th annual gala dinner on June 13th in the beautiful outdoor grove of the Radisson Hotel.

Tickets for the dressy affair cost $80 for a single or $150 for a couple. CAP PAC co-chair David Felderstein promises that those who opt for the $150 tickets, "will not be required to show proof they are married, have registered as domestic partners, or have named each other as beneficiary of their estate."

CAP PAC (California Political Action Committee) was founded in 1988 "to educate local political candidates on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues and to support deserving candidates." At past dinners speakers have included Congressman Barney Frank and the late Bella Abzug and the event has, in prior years, been the high light of the social scene in Sacramento.

Info: 736-2722. ▼

Gay Pride Month

June 13
Sacramento
Freedom Fair
Southside Park
863-3018

June 27-28
San Francisco
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Market to Civic Center
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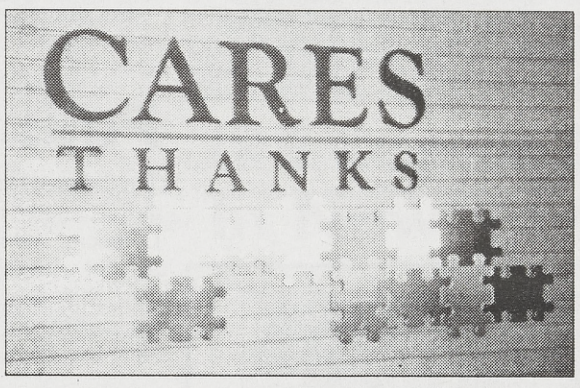
The Changing Face of AIDS

Part II: Who C.A.R.E.S?

Lee Nichols
MGW/Staff

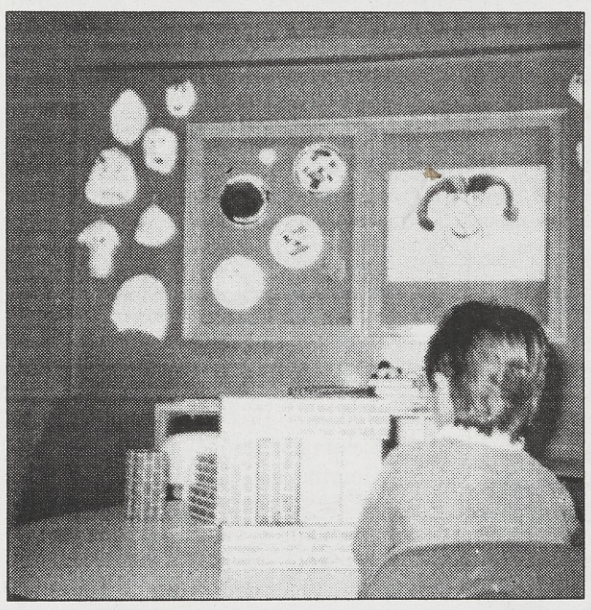


Most Americans think of AIDS, if they think of it at all, as a disease which strikes gay, mostly white, men. But, perhaps prophetically, the first client served by Sacramento's Center for AIDS Research, Education and Service (CARES) was a woman from El Dorado County. A decade ago she was decidedly in the minority. In 1988 fewer than 2 percent of the AIDS cases were women. Today more than 20 percent are, and many are mothers of small children.

This is, however, only one of the dramatic changes in the profile of AIDS clients. In the early days of the epidemic the majority infected by the virus were white men. Today more than 30 percent are not. Twenty years ago the majority had been infected during sex with another man. Today nearly 20 percent of those treated contracted HIV as a result of intravenous drug use.

These changes in the client population have necessitated changes in the way CARES serves our multi-county area, changes reflected by the furnishings of the lobby of the CARES facility at 1500 21st Street in mid-town Sacramento. In addition to the chairs and couches one expects, there is an area decorated with colorful drawings, a low table, and half a dozen kiddy chairs.

But the more important changes are found in services being delivered. Today, for example, a special women's clinic is held three times a month and pregnant women have access to obstetrical care through UCD Medical Center.



"From the very beginning, the mission of CARES was to serve any one who was HIV infected," CARES director, Dr. Robert Caulk, emphasizes, "without regard to gender, color, ability to pay, or sexual orientation."

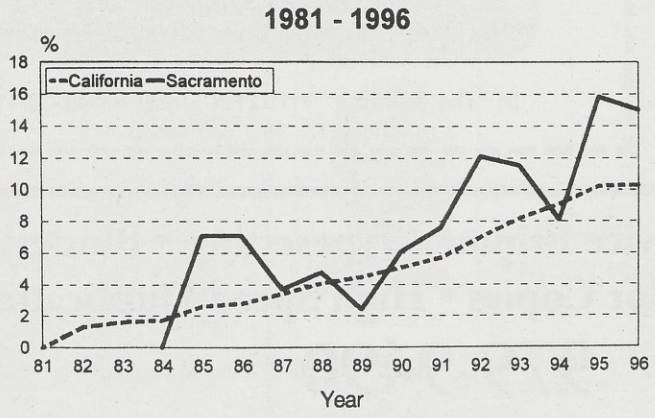
To meet its obligations, CARES has grown from a 5 person operation to a current staff of 38 and from a budget of $300 hundred thousand to today's of 3-million dollars, 80 percent of which comes from local, state, and federal sources. CARES first offices were in ill-equipped cramped offices, today it occupies three floors of a modern former bank building, complete with the bank's impressive vaults.

We have recently concluded negotiations to buy the building," Dr. Caulk announced, because it will reduce our overhead, relocate administrative offices, and allow us to lease space." The UCD research project headed by Dr.Neil Flynn is to be the first tenant.

The relocation of offices has enabled CARES to create a state-of-the-art pharmacy, located off the first floor lobby. One of the most distinctive features of the pharmacy are the private cubicles where clients will meet with counselors at the time they receive their prescribed medications.

The regimen that must be followed by people using the new generation of AIDS drugs can be a real problem," Caulk stressed, "but in the new pharmacy clients won't just be handed a bag of pills, they'll be counseled by professionals in exactly how to take them, and why it is critically important to adhere to the regimen."

Proportion of Female AIDS Cases
California and Sacramento County
1981 - 1996



Keeping people healthy longer is, of course, the primary objective of CARES. However the new treatments have resulted in more, not fewer, clients. Many of the over 1,200 current clients would not have survived even a few years ago, and this increased longevity results in more clients requiring services far longer than would have been true in the past. In addition, Lambda AIDS Project recently announced it is closing and all the clients it served will now be cared for at CARES. However, Dr. Caulk notes, most of these are already receiving medical care through CARES.

CARES must also address a new challenge, unthinkable even two years ago; how to assist an increasing number of infected men and women return to work after years of ill health. Hundreds of people with AIDS who faced the likelihood of a tragically early death now face the unexpected prospect of living.

The third in this series on CARES will explore the range of non-medical services, including psychological and financial counseling available. ▼

EDITORIAL

Roundtree Library Important

The Jayne Rountree Commemorative Library Committee met Sunday, April 19, as it does every Sunday. Following the public meeting several people stayed to discuss creating a new "community center". While the goal of maintaining a viable center is undoubtedly laudable we share the view of several who attended this rump session that the Rountree Library must not be used as the pawn, or prize, in the internecine wars which plague our community. We urge the committee to preserve its independence and to explore the possibility of establishing a LGBT library within the Sacramento Public Library system. Should this happen, Michael Bennett ought to be appointed curator in recognition of his extraordinary service and his professional skill. ▼

Life Lobby Closes

MGW Staff

Sacramento, CA: LIFE Lobby was forced to pink-slip its staff and close its doors at the end of April, sources close to the organization have reported. For a decade, LIFE has lobbied on AIDS, civil rights and other legislative issues of importance to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Californians.

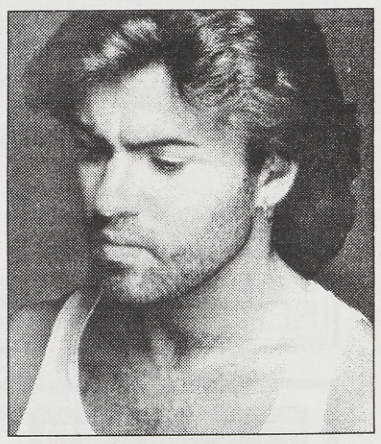
Staff members expect LIFE Lobby former head, Laurie McBride, and co-chair John Duran, a Los Angeles attorney, will continue work on LGBT civil rights issues and they anticipate that AIDS service groups will take over lobbying efforts on health and budget matters.

The LIFE Lobby has faced frequent financial and management crises during the decade it has sought to provide a coordinated voice on AIDS and LGBT issues in the Capitol. A meeting over the April 25-26 weekend failed to find a solution of the latest of these, forcing the end of the organization. ▼

George Michael Arrested

Beverly Hills, CA: Singer George Michael has been ordered to appear in Beverly Hills Municipal Court on May 5 to answer charges he engaged in "lewd acts" in the modernistic men's room at Will Rogers Park in Beverly Hills. Marcelo Rodriguez, the undercover police officer who arrested Michael, said the 34-year entertainer "masturbated with his right hand" while he watched. Police Lt. Edward Kreins said that the pop star had not actually solicited sex, however under California law the act of masturbation constitutes "solicitation."

Officer Rodriguez offical report describes the incident: "As I walked into the rest room I noticed a male subject (later identified at Michael) standing at the urinal. I walked into the stall and stood by the toilet with the stall door remaining open." The officer went on to report that Michael moved away from the urinal and stood where he could see into stall. When the officer turned to look at him, Michael stroked his penis. As the officer continued to stare Michael dropped his sweatpants, exposing his buttocks.



George Michael, English singer/ song-writer, gained fame in the 1980's with *Wham.*

The officer left the men's room and when Michael came out he was arrested, handcuffed and taken to the Beverly Hills police station where he was book under the name Georgios Panayiotou. He was released after posting $500 bail and ordered to appear on the misdemeanor charge. If convicted Michael faces a possible fine of $1,000 and six months in jail.

Michael's Brazilian lover, Anselmo Feleppa, died of complications of AIDS in 1993. In recent years the popular recording artist has lived with Texan, Kenny Gross. ▼

Gay Pride Day in Davis May 31

Sunday, May 31, will mark the third annual Yolo County LGBT Pride Picnic at Gay Pride Day in Davis.

The outdoor party from 11:30am to 4:30pm will feature ongoing entertainment with muscians Natalie Cortez and The Ultra Violets, Laura Bowly, Dianne Patterson Xtet, DuvalSpeck, and Lynette Tyler. Other activities include dance instruction, face painting, button making, free popcorn, a carousel, an earth ball, balloon specialties from Poky Dots the Clown, great water balloon toss. There will be no food sold, bring your own picnic lunch.

The event is free. There will be a raffle of over 100 prizes at 3:45pm. Raffle tickets will be soldthe day of the event and at the Davis Farmers Market and at the Gay Pride Booth at the Whole Earth Fesitval at UC Davis May 8-10.

Gay Pride Day in Davis commemorates the 12th anniversary of the Davis Civil Rights Ordinance enacted by the Davis City Council in the Spring of 1986. The ordinance, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, was among the first of its kind in the United States. ▼

Sacramento Valley Bears New Officers

Marco Ortega - Treasurer
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Mark Devito - Member -at - Large
Adam Shea - Membership
Ray Welch - Vice President
Wayne Small - Secretary
Thom Pryor - Member - at - Large

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International Bear Contest Winners San Francisco

Mr. International Bear,
Rod Savides, Great Britain

Mr. International Grizzly Bear,
Sherman Hanke

Mr. International Daddy Bear,
Loyd Powell

Mr International Bear Cub,
Jeff Boone

Gay and Lesbian Journalists to Form Sacramento Chapter

The National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association has announced that its annual convention will be held October 1-4 at Alexis Park Resort in Las Vegas, Nevada. More than 600 reporters, editors, radio and TV newsmen and women will gather to discuss workplace issues, share stories of success—and failures—in coverage of news vital to lesbians and gays, and explore new career choices at the Job Fair.

Sacramento area journalists will have a chance to participate through the local NLGJA Chapter now being formed. Membership is $55 per year for working journalists, former journalists and those in related fields. Students may join for only $20. Applications for membership in NLGJA may be picked up at MGW offices at 18th and L Streets or from the Sacramento Bee.

Prospective and current members of NLGJA are invited to join the San Francisco chapter at swim, eat, and drink party on May 17, from noon to 5 p.m., at the Sebastopol of the national organization's founding president, LeRoy Aarons.

For directions to the swim party, membership applications, or additional information call Lee Nichols, MGW Associate Publisher, 441-6397. ▼

Poll: Lt. Governor Race

In the race for lieutenant governor, former Assembly Speaker Cruz Bustamante of Fresno, a Democrat, was at 13 percent with fellow Democrat and former Deputy Secretary of State Tony Miller at 12 percent with only five weeks to go before the election. Among Republicans, State Sen. Tim Leslie of Carnelian Bay led his upper-house mate Richard Mountjoy of Arcadia, 10 to 7 percent, with businesswoman Noel Irwin Hentschel at one percent. ▼

Capitol City Leather Daddy Announced

The winner of the Mr. Capitol City Leather Daddy Competition, was John Lyon announced on February 28th at the BOLT. The Master of Ceremonies was L. Derek Young, Mr. Capitol City Leather '98. Lyon selected CARES as his charity of choice to receive the net proceeds of the event. Lyon and Young will be attending future CCLA events to meet the other members of the gay leather community.

The Capitol City Leather Association is in it's first year and has raised funds for Christmas toys given to the children in the UCD Medical Center Pediatric Ward. CCLA conducts a leather event every month.

President, Brian Williams announced the start of the club's new membership drive. Membership applications are available through the clubs voice mail at 733-2015, or at the regular meeting on the second Wednesday of every month, 7 p.m., upstairs at Joseph's, 1454 Del Paso Blvd. ▼

Mr. Sacramento Drummer Contest

On Saturday, May 9, Mr. Drummer 1998 will be elected at The Bolt 2560 Boxwood Street. The event raises money for Positive Gourmet and lambda Letters Project.

The evening festivities begin at 10pm and is open to anyone who wishes to attend.

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Gender Identity Hate Crime Bill Passes

A gender identity hate crime bill, AB 1999 was passed by the State Assembly Committee by a vote of 7-0. This bill would standardize California's hate crime statutes by adding "gender" to the sections where it is missing.

According to *The First National Survey on TransViolence* (1997) violence against transgender people is far greater than against the population in general. For example, the rate of attempted rape committed against transgender individuals in 1996 was 2.7%, as compared to .13% in the Bureau of Justice Statistics' *National Crime Victimization Survey* and the rate for assault against transgender individuals in 1996 was 16%, nearly double the 8.2% reported in the *National Crime Victimization Survey*.

AB 1999 will next be heard by Assembly Appropriations, Carole Midgen, (D-San Francisco) chairs. ▼

Gay/Lesbian Victory Fund Candidates Win

Liz Malia win an easy victory in a special election for a seat in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. She will be the first g/l member of the legislature since 1978.

Neil Giuliano, openly gay republican won reelection for mayor of Tempe, Arizona after a gay-bashing campaign against him. This may prove that mean-spirited tactics against openly g/l candidates fail.

In separate races for the Multnomah County Board in Oregon, Victory Fund candidates Barbara Willer and George Eighmey both advanced to a May 19 run-off. Both will need continued support from the community.

In a Florida, Wilton Manors City Council, race openly agy candidate Gary Resnick will join John Fiore, a former Victory Fund candidate, on the council. Resnick won one of two open city council seats out of a field of six candidates. ▼

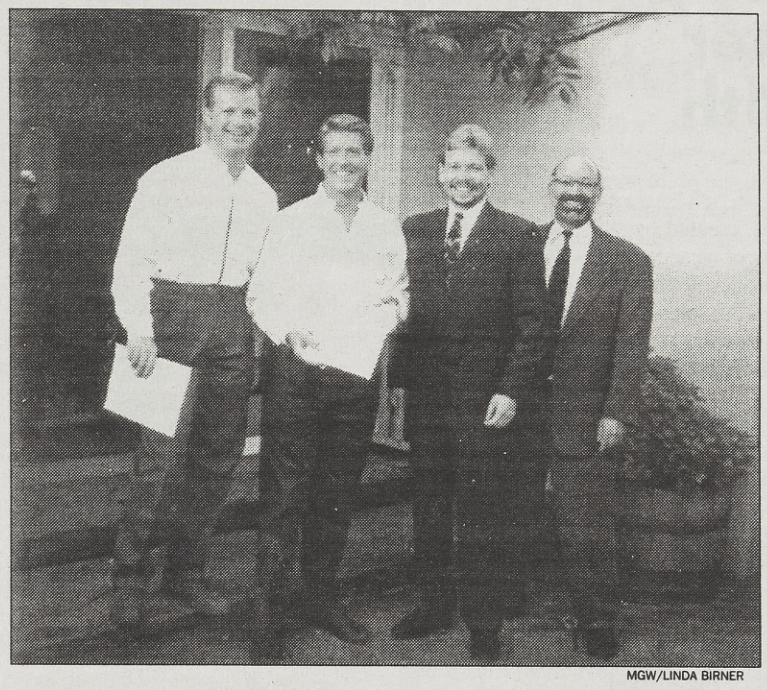
President's Cabinet Divided on Needle Exchange

President Clinton's Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala and "drug czar" Barry McCaffrey have locked horns over the issue of IV needle exchange. Shalala argues, with medical research evidence on her side, that trading dirty needles for clean needles will reduce the incidence of new HIV infection. McCaffery insists that giving drug addicts needles only encourages them, though no evidence exists in support of his position.

California Congressmember Nancy Pelosi believes that McCaffrey's position, "defies logic." She went further to claim that, "the Administration's decision shows a lack of political will in the midst of a health emergency." (It should, perhaps, be noted that Congressmember Pelosi's daughter is married to Hilary Rodham Clinton's brother.)

It is unlikely the Republican Congress would authorize the use of federal funds to support needle exchange, even though, legally, all that is required is Secretary Shalala's certification that the exchange of HIV infected needles for clean ones "does not encourage drug use."

In Sacramento County half of the women with HIV were infected by dirty needles as were 14 percent of the men. ▼



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At the CAP/PAC Table Sponsor Party, Michael Sestak and Dennis Mangers won trips for a San Francisco weekend donated by Clayton Whitehead of Sports Leisure Travel. Shown with David Felderstein CAP/PAC board member. The CAP/PAC Dinner has been set for June 13th.

IRS Comes Under Fire In New York Incident

New York-An IRS Agent ordered Kathy's Group, a Rhode Island support group that helps lesbians with cancer, to alter its mission and add "all women" to its target population instead of focusing on lesbians.

Kathys' Group, incorporated in May 1996, is named after two lesbian partners of twenty-five years, both named Kathy, one of whom developed breast cancer. The group's mission is to provide information to lesbians with cancer and their families, and to run bimonthly support groups.

Lesbians who have a high risk of breast cancer have the added difficulty presented by many doctors who have anti-gay attitudes.

As a result of media reports on the successful resolution of Lambda's 1997 case, the Joint Committee on Taxation of the U.S. Congress requested that Lambda submit evidence from the case as part of the ongoing congressional investigation into politically-motivated conduct by the IRS. In addition, the Washington D. C. law firm of Arnold & Porter is assisting Lambda on a Freedom of Information Act request in effort to determine the scope of anti-gay bias at the IRS. ▼

Anti-gang Bill Moves Forward

Sacramento— A bill by Assemblymember Cruz M. Bustamante (D-Fresno) to establish comprehensive anti-gang programs in California communities was approved by the Assembly Public Safety Committee on April 14.

The bill, AB 2567, establishes a grant program for communities with pockets of high violent crime to help coordinate the response of agencies that target different aspects of the juvenile gang problem. AB 2567 builds upon a highly successful juvenile crime prevention model used in Fresno county, the Multi-Agency Gang Enforcement Consortium (MAGEC)

AB 2567 helps bring law enforcement, probation and parole officers, prosecutors and community organizations together to make anti-gang efforts and prevention programs more effective and explore all avenues of problem resolution.

AB 2567 passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee on a bipartisan vote. ▼

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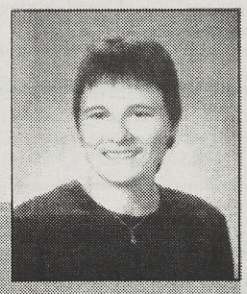

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NATIONAL NEWS

Amassi Center Celebrates 4th Birthday

Inglewood, CA: The Amassi Center, created by Cleo Manago, celebrates four years of service to the health and cultural needs of the predominately Black community in Inglewood, a Los Angeles suburb.

It is the only community-based, self-help, health education and affirmation center.

Manago's concerns for issues of racism, sexism, homophobia, and self-esteem prompted him to found the center in 1994. However, he first began a vocation in social service at the age of 16. A native of often troubled South Central Los Angeles he was convinced of the need for a community center that could serve the full range of needs. Amassi's services, programs and events are a vital resource for the community and the Centers for Disease Control, the City of Los Angeles, and the City of Inglewood have recognized Amassi for its innovative work in HIV prevention. Info (310) 419-1969 ▼

Fopunder and CEO of the Amassi Center, Cleo Manago

Lambda Marks 25th Anniversary with United Nations Fete

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund announces "New York Celebrates Lambda 25," a gala event to mark 25 years of historic efforts to achieve equal rights under law for GLBT and people with AIDS.

Lambda has won test cases on behalf of lesbian and gay youth, couples, parents, workers, members of the military and people with HIV AIDS. According to Lambda Executive Director Kevin M. Cathcart, the gala will be held at the United Nations because "it stands as a global symbol for dignity and freedom for all people, including lesbians and gay men." "Like the UN," he added, "Lambda's work to help shape a just society touches everyone."

The event will be hosted by Cherry Jones and features a special performance by Andrea Marcovicci. Jones' recent Broadway role in the "The Heiress" netted the actress a Tony as well as Drama Desk, Outer Critic's Circle and Drama League Awards. Marcovicci is hailed worldwide as the darling of cabaret and is an established actor with numerous television, film and stage credits.

Info, (212) 809-8585 x 219. ▼

Scholarships Offered to Gays and Lesbians

Washington, D.C. — The National Gay Pilots Association (NGPA) announced a new scholarship program for members of the g/l community seeking a career as a pilot. Two scholarships will be awarded by September 1 both for $1,500.

"Piloting is one of the last strongholds of homophobia," said Ron Swanda, Executive Director of the NGPA. "And the best way to change that sad fact is to bring more gays and lesbians into this career field. Many NGPA members have found great satisfaction in their choice of piloting as a career, and they want to encourage other gays and lesbians to do the same."

"The time is right for starting a career as a pilot," Swanda continued. "A record number of new pilots were hired in 1997, and many airlines and other aviation businesses now have anti-discrimination policies which address sexual orientation."

The deadline for scholarship application is July 31. Application forms and info: NGPA-EF, Box 2010-324, South Burlington, VT 05407-2010, phone: 703/660-3852 or www.ngpa.org.

The scholarships can be used to pay tuition or flight training costs incurred by student pilots enrolled at a college or university offering an accredited aviation curriculum, such as air science, aerospace, aerodynamics, engineering or airport management, and costs incurred in a professional pilot training program at any training facility certified by the Federal Aviation Administration. However, the scholarships cannot be used to pay for the training needed for a Private Pilot license.

Funds have already been secured for this year's scholarships, and funds are in-hand to insure future scholarship awards as well. However, additional donations to the NGPA Education Fund would help increase the amount and number of the annual awards. As the IRS has granted the NGPA Education Fund status as a 501(c)(3) corporation, donations are tax-deductible to the extend allowed by law.

NGPA hosts annual events in Key West, Palm Springs and Provincetown, and several other locations in conjunction with major aviation air shows and conventions. ▼

Arrow Magazine Arrives For Men

West Hollywood, CA: A new gay magazine has debuted. *Arrow*, which is described as "pro-monogamy," joined *Advocate, Out, Genre, POZ* and other magazines targeting gay male readers with its April issue. *The Los Angeles Times* called it "Committed, Romantic, and Domestic," and the *San Francisco Chronicle*'s feature story said of *Arrow,* "If you want to know where the gay and lesbian civil rights movement is headed, take a look at it."

Arrow editor, Sam Francis, (23) was singled out by *Advocate* magazine as one of the "best and brightest under 30 generation" and he and co-founder Paul Horne promise their publication will emphasize relationship and monogamy over sex and cruising.

Arrow can be found on the web at www.arrowmag.com, and on newsstands. ▼

Michigan Womyn's Music Festival Returns

After 23 consecutive years, the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival will be held August 11-16. The annual event attracts 5-8000 women for a week-long event that includes 40 performances, 200 workshops, a Film Festival, Crafts Faire and 650 secluded acres for camping.

Some of the artists scheduled to appear are Indigo girls, Ferron, Marga Gomez, Ubaka Hope and many others. Info. 616-757-4766 or WWTMC, PO Box 22, Walhalla, MI 49458. ▼

Phoebe Legere in Lesbian Magazine

Girlfriends magazine talked with cult figure Phoebe Legere, in it's March issue, about her sexuality, her role in Rosa Von Pronheim's upcoming *I Love You So Much I Could Eat You*, and in the Cannes prize winning *Marquis de Slime.* She also explains what she feels was her exploitation by Sony Pictures and Troma. "They used a person exactly like me; same hair, same clothes and she plays and accordion."

Legere is the winner of a Foundation Grant for Emerging Playwrights for her play *Hello Mrs. President* about a black woman who is appointed president. Legere has released her first full-length film, Last Tango in Bubbleland. ▼

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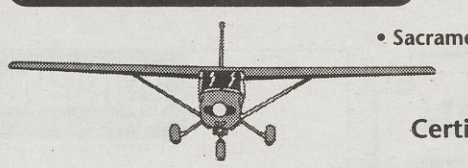

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WORLD NEWS

Canadian Court Rules for Gay Man

The Supreme Court of Canada ruled that a college teacher, Delvin Vriend, 32, was treated unfairly at the Edmonton Christian College. In 1991 he was fired for being gay. The court ordered that GLBT are protected under Alberta human rights legislation, and that by refusing to protect GLBT under the code, the Alberta government infringed on his right to equal treatment.

The 8-0 decision marks the first time the court has amended legislation by reading into law new rights that elected politicians refused to grant. ▼

Canadian Ruling Aids Same-sex Couples

Toronto - A three judge panel of the Ontario Court of Appeal ruled that the definition of "spouse" should be amended in the federal Income Tax Act to recognize same-sex couples as well as opposite -sex couples.

Gay activists hope this will set a precedent that would affect similar sections of other federal acts.

"It is a significant statement by Canadian Courts that discrimination against same-sex couples is immoral and unconstitutional," said John Fisher, executive director of Equality for Gays and Lesbians Everywhere. ▼

Panamanians Demand Access to New AIDS Therapies

OROBIDSIDA, a foundation dedicated to the well being and dignity of people living with AIDS in Panama has, initiated a campaign demanding access to new anti-retroviral therapies from the government health care provider . Despite the dangers of developing rapid resistance to other forms of medication the Panamanian Government still offers AZT. Although they have been informed of the dangers the government authorities refuse to adopt new therapies citing the responsibility for creating change lies with the activists themselves.

In Costa Rica provisions for anti-retroviral therapies were a result of a Supreme Court case. There is hopes that through campaigning this may convince Panamanian authorities to adopt the same provisions in Panama. ▼

Jewish Students Celebrate FifteenYears of Jerusalem's Independence

The Jerusalem Open House, a grassroots initiative of gay activists to create a gay community center in Jerusalem, together with the GLB student union of the Hebrew University, are creating a resource packet for students to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Jerusalem's Independence.

The packet includes the award-winning Israeli short film "Time Off," dealing with gays in the Israeli army, updated information about the legal and social situation of gays in Iraeli, GLBT web resources in Israel, news clips and more. This year's national slogan is "Together in Pride, Together in Hope," and they plan to make the resources available to students in the US and Canada to produce their own gay celebration of Israel's independence. ▼

Rome Limits Liberties of GLBT

Municipal authorities in Rome have increased their surveillance of GLBT, defying recognized right to expression and assembly. Rome's Mayor Francesco Rutelli vowed to remain neutral and to treat all of the citizens of Rome equally. Within days, police visited the headquarters of Circolo di Cultura Omosessual, investigating unspecified "irregularities." Actions against the Circolo "Mario Mieli," or against legal and peaceful gatherings of GLBT constitute a violation of Italy's international commitments. ▼

Romania's President to Pardon Gays

The President of Romania, Emil Contantinescu, promised to pardon prisoners currently jailed under his country's laws penalizing sexual relations between consenting adults of the same sex. The President stated that his pardon should send a signal to the Romanian public, "Homosexuality is the last remaining human rights problem we have to address in Romania, and we will address it." ▼

Brazil Awards Rights to Gay Man

A gay businessman from the Brazilian state of Minas Gerais , won the right to half of the estate of his partner, Jair Batista Prearo, who died of AIDS. The decision is in keeping with existing Brazilian legislation regarding the disposal of property in the case of married couples when on the partners dies, has no children, but still has parents alive. The decision comes at a time when the bill for the recognition of Registered Partnerships between same sex couples is facing fierce opposition from evangelical and catholic members of the Brazilian parliament. ▼

Political Extremists Target Openly Gay Oregon Legislator

Washington, DC April 1998 - Energized by their recent defeat of the gay rights initiative in Washington State, radical political extremists have targeted openly gay, Oregon State Representative Chuck Carpenter for defeat.

This is a race we can't afford to lose," says Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund Executive Director Brian Bond. "Every time Oregon religious political extremists have tried to use the legislative process against us, Chuck Carpenter has stood firm on our behalf. Now we must do the same for him."

Chuck Carpenter's courage and leadership earned him a place on Out Magazine's list of the 100 most influential gays in America - and on the Radical Right's hit list. Extremists within the GOP have recruited wealth, ultra-conservative candidate Bill Witt to defeat him. Witt is a founding member of the Oregon Christian Coalition and a major donor to Lon Mabon's virulently anti-gay Oregon Citizen's Alliance.

Witt poured hundreds of thousands of dollars of his own money into his previous races and is poised to do the same against Carpenter. His exposure as an anti-gay activists and former congressional candidate gives him immediate access to a huge national base of donors. Info: 202-842-8679. ▼

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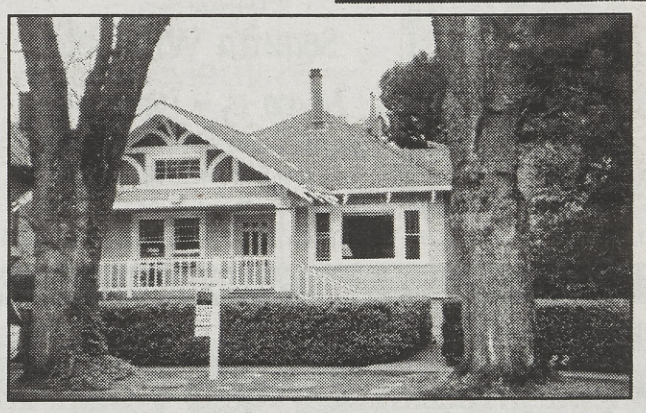

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Lambda Players Present *This Child's Family*

Starting a family can be a challenge for anyone, but for a lesbian couple, things can be a little more complicated. Aside from the normal issues of parenthood, there are politics to consider, a whole flock of friends and ex-lovers to deal with - and putting up with all those turkey-baster jokes!

Such is the plight for Sada and Audrey, a young lesbian couple who decide to start a new family. Of course they already have a family, an extended family of close friends and ex-lovers, and they all have varying reactions to the news of the soon to be new family member.

(Clockwise from top-left) Carol Thomas, Lavinia Cooper, Maureen Gaynor and Jenny Hoye in the Lambda Players' *This Child's Family*, a sweet, comic look at friends, lovers and starting a family. *This Child's Family* opens May 15th and plays Friday and Saturday nights at 8pm through June 6th, with a special Sunday showing at 7:00 pm on May 31st. Performances will be at the Geery Theatre located at 2130 L street.

Amy Rubin's skillfully written play ***This Child's Family*** is a thoughtful, moving and often funny examination of these issues. "This play was written when the idea of lesbians having children was very controversial in the women's community." said director Sequita Whitfield. "It explores the ups and downs of starting a family with gay parents and pulls no punches."

"The play also looks at the relationships women form," said Whitfield. "They can often be quite intense, but filled with love and strong enough to stand the trials of motherhood and diapers. The love that these characters share is the glowing light of this show."

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Tickets are available at the Open Book, located at 910 21st Street and are also available at the door. Reservations: 484-4742. Info: Charles Peer at 366-3904 or Michael D. Jackson at 927-7407. ▼

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The influx of more money is apparent, this is a first rate, high quality program which will make viewers want to travel, and will provided viewers with a new appreciation of how far we've come, and how far we have yet to go before the world is made a safe place to be lesbian, gay, bi- or transsexual. ▼

ABC Pulls 'Ellen' With May 13 Finale

ABC has decided not to air any more episodes this season except for the one-hour season finale on May 13. Instead "Two Guys, a Girl and a Pizza Place" will remain in "Ellen's" Wednesday 9:30 pm timeslot for the rest of the season.

ABC had planned only a limited run for "Two Guys," but the series has consistently outperformed "Ellen's" average in the Wednesday 9:30 timeslot, holding onto more of "Drew Carey's" viewers. "Two Guys" in particular keeps many of the men who changed the channel when Ellen Aired.

"Two Guys" faced lighter competition than "Ellen" because Fox's "Party of Five" is on hiatus.

ABC still contends that it hasn't decided whether "Ellen" will return next season, although insiders, and star Ellen DeGeneres, have said this season is the last. ▼

Athena Awards Announced

The Athena Awards are awarded annually and cover every category of film and video production by independent producers working in lesbian film and video production. The committee was pleased to have dozen of entries in this, the second year of the competition.

The following awards were given: Outstanding Achievement in Experimental Film, *Impact Zone* (Sophie Constantinoy/Kadet Kuhne); Outstanding Achievement in Animation, *The size Seven Social* (Judith Redding); Best Drama, *Sonia* (Raquel Cecilia Harrington); Best Short Film, *Junky Punky Girlz* (Nisha Ganatra); Best Full Length Documentary (TIE), *It's Elementary* (Debra Chasnoff/Helen S. Cohen) and *Very Queer Kids* (Rachel Victor/Liz Reich; and Best Short Documentary, *Novices* (Heidi Mau/Melissa Thompson). Info. 850-539-5965. ▼

The White Party Was a Huge Success

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MGW/Staff

Jeffrey Sanker Presents...The White Party

First things that come to my mind, which I can remember from this past weekend are: Palm Springs CA. & Easter Weekend. The **White Party** weekend was an event that everyone should experience.

The weekend consisted of three days and nights of unforgettable pool and dance parties. Definitely the "***party***" to remember. You will notice that use of the word "***Party*** " an awful lot. So get over it.

Friday's Mardi Gras Kick-Off at the Wyndham Hotel & Pool, was a very special day... to collect pearl necklaces of course. Saturday, the IX annual White Party held at the Palm Springs Convention Center with a performance by members from Cirque d'Soleil was fabulous. Sunday's Outdoor Sunset Tea-Dance was full of energy and good times. There were additional parties; "Climax IV"; "Welcome Party"; "2 Closing Parties" called "Amnesia" & I just can't remember the other one.

Spinning at the parties were Rob Davis (Sydney), Abel (Miami), Mark Tarbox (L.A.), Michael Fierman (NYC), Mike Duretto (LA) to name a few.

This equation of dancing, slamming-music and the hottest men around meant for a *fabulous* time.

My Sista Brian, aka Ms. Brianna K'lani was coaxing me to go to The White Party. Also known as a "*circuit party*". My first reaction was; What is a circuit party? The White What? Little did I know. Thank you Brianna! Total weekend attendance to the festivities were over 20,000, with over 7,000 for the White Party alone.

The Desert AIDS Project, the largest AIDS-care provider in the desert, benefitted from the White Party from a generous donation as well as 100% of all proceeds from the sale of White Party merchandise.

Our community is doing something remarkable by having fun and learning to party safer. People were still getting higher than ever, but waking up without as much guilt from using GHB or crystal meth, (using less means being more responsible). Don't get me wrong, there was still an element of self destructive, irresponsible behavior. No matter how much you didn't do. Be Responsible. I'm not trying to preach here, but the times are different.

On the flip side, the safer partying people were making more informed decisions of their drug use at the parties by hydrating themselves, and people were watching their friends. The focus is changing from the me-me-me, to my-my-my community. Being Proud is what it's about.

Prepare now for the 1999 White Party! It the 10th Anniversary. Info: Gr8blond@aol.com/ 213-653-0800. ▼

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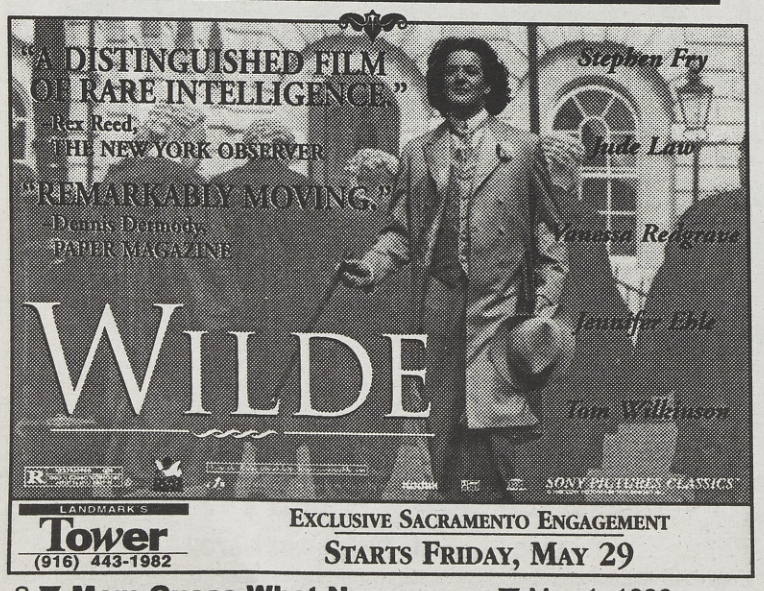

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Maurizio was born in Milano, Italy. He grew up enjoying wonderful Italian food that he aspired to recreate. As a youth in Milano, Maurizio attended "Scuola Albergheria," a school in which he learned all aspects of running a fine restaurant, especially in the kitchen. He subsequently went to work for "Palace Hotels" where he trained with the finest chefs in Switzerland. Maurizio's first restaurant was in the resort town of Cervinia, nestled between the French, Italian and Swiss borders. There he established a reputation for serving authentic Italian cuisine with a fine balance between pasta, fresh meats, seafood and poultry, blended with only the freshest garden vegetables and herbs to create a dining experience that can only be described a "buonissimo".

When you walk into Bravo there is an intimate bar. A friendly staff member who will seat you at a comfortable booth or table with white linens greets you. The restaurant is handsomely decorated with dark wood, tile floors and light fixtures that are unique, antique and most likely made in Italy.

Bravo RISTORANTE

Maurizio collected photographs of Italian people and places that hang on the walls like a gallery of family history.

Each day the Bravo bakers make Foccacia and a Rustic Tuscan Bread that is dense and quite delicious, especially with olive oil. In addition, on weekends they bake special Flat Music Bread that is wonderful.

The menu begins with Antipasti including Melanzana al Forno, grilled eggplant, layered with roasted bell peppers and fresh mozzarella ($6.75) and Solpresine di Salmone, salmon rectangles stuffed with seafood mouse, served with a delicate dill sauce ($7.75).

The most popular salad seems to be the Insalata di Spinaci, fresh spinach served with mushrooms, bell peppers, pine nuts, and gorgonzola dressing ($5.75). The Minestra del giorno, the fresh soup of the day ($4.75) is always delicious and soothing.

The entrée menu is simple and creative and includes pasta dishes like Fedelini al pomodoro e aglio, thin spaghetti with tomato, garlic and cracked red pepper ($8.75) and Taglioline con delizie di mare, home made linguine shaped pasta with mixed seafood, in a spice - tomato sauce ($14.00).

Meat and Fish dishes include Pollo arrosto, chicken marinated in fresh herbs and garlic then roasted ($14.75), Dentice all' ubriaca, red snapper pan sautÈed served with red wine sauce ($17.50), Osso buco con polenta, braised veal shank servied with soft polenta ($18.75) and Filetto alla griglia, Angus beef filet mignon grilled ($21.00).

Dining at Bravo is what you would expect from the finest restaurants in Italy. You can taste the freshness of the food. The stock used in the dishes is made from fresh vegetables.

Bravo's wine list is very good and includes a wonderful selection of vintages from Italy and California.

Leave room for dessert. Bravo makes a wonderful Tiramisu and Cheesecake.

On the last Thursday of the month Bravo celebrates "Big Night" with an authentic Italian six-course dinner including wines. The price is $50.00 per person. There is no limit on how much you eat or drink. "Big Night" is popular and reservations should be made in advance.

Bravo was nominated as one of the best Italian restaurants in the country along with its distinguished competitor Biba's in Midtown.

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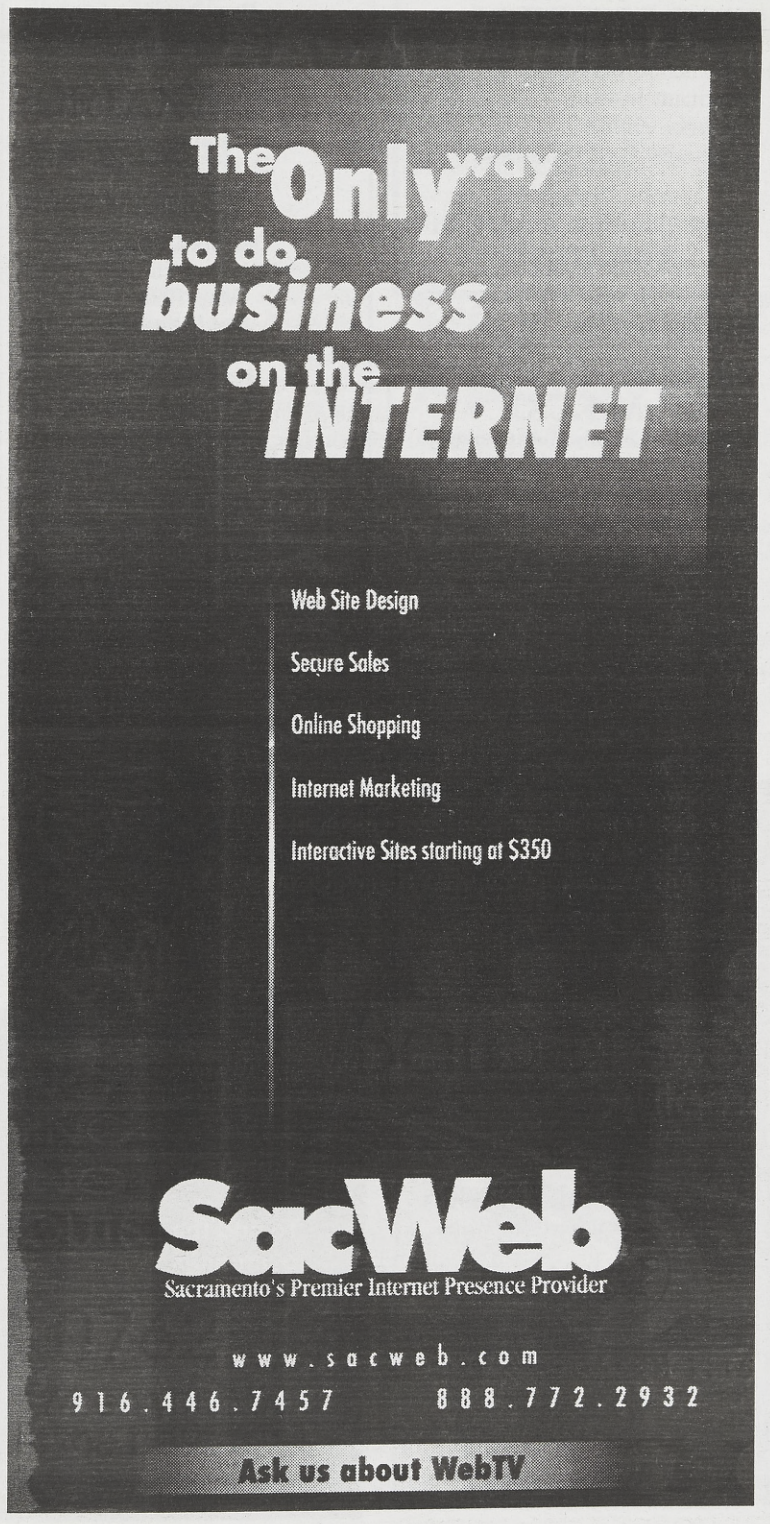
Sometimes, if we are not dressed well or when two women/men, we are seated in Siberia. (near the kitchen, restrooms, or in an ajoining room or on a patio).

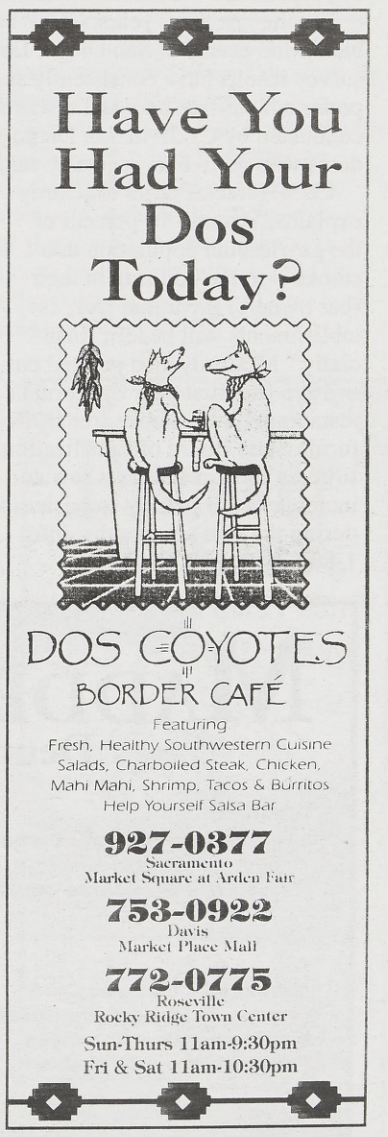
Harlow's: One of the Nations Top Supper Clubs

Harlow's Restaurant and Nightclub was recently acknowledged by the National Restaurant Association as one of the top supper clubs in America, along with the Moonlight Supper Club in Los Angeles, The Supper Club in New York City, and Uca in Miami, According to NRA's publication Restaurants USA: "All four restaurants are well grounded in the two defining supper-club features: upscale dining and dancing."

In the last two years, there has been a resurgence of supper clubs that promote the old concept of glamour and romance, along with martinis and cigars, while integrating vibrant, stylish decor, sophisticated music, and the latest food trends. "The new clubs pay tribute to the classic elements of the old concepts, while showcasing the latest trends in food and music. After all, if like smoking stogies and sipping martinis, what place is more appropriate than a retro-hip supper club?"

Additionally, supper clubs are attracting a diverse clientele. Both Generation Xers and baby-boomers are finding that supper clubs are not only good for dining, but for an evening of entertainment, as well. "People can come here and cover all the bases," says Harlow's owner, Peter Torza. "It's like one-stop shopping entertainment." ▼





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Say What?? Learning to Listen

Janet Lial Branson, LCSW

Communication problems between partners are the most common presenting complaint from couple's entering therapy. "We just can't communicate with each other" is most often another way of saying we have trouble listening to each other. The way we listen to information is as important as how we present it. Attentive listening is a skill that requires giving your partner your full, undivided attention and listening as non-defensivbely as possible.

Often distractions, both external and internal, interfere with our ability to take in what is being said. The television in the background, the newspaper in your lap, the phone ringing in the background, or the project you were working on, all provide sources of external distraction. Not giving your full attention when listening leads to misunderstandings. Competing with distractions can also raise the level of tension and cause communications to break down even further. Distractions may help us cope with listening to unpleasant information but most often lead to increased frustration and misunderstanding.

Internal distractions aren't as obvious but also interfere with our ability to hear what is being said. It is common to begin to build a defense before our partner has even finished speaking or to prepare corrections or excuses. These internal defenses interfere with listening just as readily as the more obvious sources of external distractions and don't allow us to fully hear what is being said.

Becoming an attentive listener means committing to skill building. It often feels safest when partner's agree to the basic principles of attentive listening and help each other to remember what is needed for effective communication. But even in the absence of that kind of agreement, attentive listening can change the tone of a discussion. How you listen to your partner can help the communications to stay open and non-defensive and help your partner listen to you.

Barbach and Geisinger, in the book *Going The Distance*, describe three techniques couples can use to improve their communications.

- Eliminate external distractions. Turning off the TV or putting down the newspaper and giving your partner your full attention will help you to become an attentive listener. Decide ahead of time that you will eliminate as many external distractions as possible or agree to talk at a later time when you have concluded your activity and can minimize distractions.
- Manage internal distractions. It's common to feel anxious, uncomfortable, perhaps even angry when resolving conflicts but these feels often get in the way of fully hearing what is being said. If you bring an attitude with you that you have something to learn from what your partner is saying you are more likely to listen attentively. To manage internal distractions, take a deep breathe and try to relax. Assure yourself that you will have a turn so that you can tune into your partner without interrupting or changing the subject.
- Take turns talking. Allowing the other their full say before jumping in is difficult but an important attentive listening skill. If your partner realizes he/she has your full attention, communication is more effective and less defensive. Limit yourself to asking for clarification or specific examples so that you can better understand what is being said. Remember that your objective is to understand so encouraging your partner to fully explain will aid your objective.

Remember that attentive listening is a skill that must be developed. Looking for the validity of what is being said will help you to become a better listener and improve the quality of your relationship. There is rarely an absolute right and wrong, just two different perspectives. Listening with that in mind may help you to take in what your partner is saying. ▼

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of friends lost in May

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When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure!

To add the names of loved ones to MGW's remembrance column, call 648-1120.

For info about creating a NAMES Project AIDS memorial panel, call **484-4164**

Smokefree Project Claims New Law is Breath of Fresh Air

Most California's gay and lesbian bars are complying with the new smoke-free bar law. Some have found that compliance has increased business and had a positive effect on employees and customers, reports the California Lavender Smokefree Project.

For the last three years, CLSP has conducted surveys at gay and lesbian pride events in San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco. The survey results have consistently shown that most people, even smokers, prefer smoke-free bars and restaurants. The most recent Pride survey conducted by CLSP in San Diego showed that 75 percent of respondents who go to bars regularly said smoking bothered them.

CLSP director Grier McCurdy explains,"Around 70 percent of the gay/lesbian population don't smoke—so the odds are in their (bar owners) favor that their establishments will benefit financially." McCurdy also pointed out in 1995 (the first year California's restaurants were smoke free) California State Board of Equalization firgures show restaurants saw an increase of 3.3 percent in business during the first six months. Info: 1-800-7NO-BUTTS. ▼

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Pot club closed...

San Francisco's largest medical marijuana club was closed in mid-April, as founder Dennis Peron (and numerous others dependent on a clean supply of the drug) lost out in the definitions game. The Superior Court sidestepped the question of whether the California clubs could define themselves as "primary caregivers," thus allowing them to legally furnish marijuana, under the interpretation of Proposition 215, to people in need of the drug for medical purposes. Instead, the court ruled that, since Peron furnished the drug to people who were acting as the primary caregiver of bedridden or hospitalized clients, but who themselves were not in need of the drug as allowed by Prop 215, he had violated the law and his club would be permanently closed. Peron ordered an immediate halt to sales to non-clients, but the court ordered that the closure remain in effect. Peron's club, as well as five others in northern California, are also the target of a Justice Department lawsuit which says that, no matter what California taxpayers voted for, the clubs are violating federal marijuana clubs. Attorney General Dan Lungren declared that the club is a "drug house," and called for a three-year study to verify the actual medicinal value of pot. Many people with AIDS, glaucoma, cancer and other illnesses say that it does in fact increase their appetite and drive back nausea, allowing them to make some headway in fighting wasting syndrome and the effects of the numerous medications they take. ▼

Early activity may be a predictor...

High levels of HIV in the blood at the 120-day mark (within about four months of initial infection) may be an indicator that the disease will progress more quickly in that individual, report researchers from the University of Washington, after a study of 74 individuals who had contracted HIV in the previous six months. They hope that knowing this type of information can help gauge future disease activity and assist physicians in creating an even more effective treatment program. ▼

Zimbabwe will now focus on deaf...

The Association of the Deaf of Zimbabwe recently held a workshop to educate some of the country's estimated 200,000 deaf people on HIV and AIDS because traditional educational messages in the country are not reaching them, even after 15 years. Many deaf individuals in Zimbabwe are also illiterate, largely due to a lack of specialized teachers. An estimated 1.4 million of Zimbabwe's 12.5 million population has contracted HIV. About 700 people in that country die from the disease each week. ▼

Condom news...

Ten years ago, Nevada enacted laws requiring the use of condoms in brothels in order to reduce the spread of HIV. Researchers from the Emory University Medical School two years ago began a study with 40 female prostitutes in two of the establishments to evaluate client refusal or reluctance rates, workers' techniques for facilitating condom use, and condom use rates among the women with non-paying sex partners (lovers). Ninety-five percent of the women reported having a lover in the past year, and 14 had multiple lovers. Condom use was significantly lower among the women with their lovers -- only 18 percent reported consistent use. But, happily, the study found a 100 percent rate of condom use among the prostitutes when engaging in sex acts with customers. Of 3,290 clients, 90 were reluctant or initially refused to use condoms. Of this number, 61 were verbally persuaded to use a condom, and four men used condoms only after the woman had surreptitiously placed it on the client's penis. Eleven of the men agreed to engage in non-penetrative sex instead of use protection, and 14 men left without receiving services.

A free condom program at a Los Angeles high school has increased sexual safety without any corresponding increase in sexual activity, according to a recent study. The percentage of males using a condom each time rose from 37 percent to 50 percent. The percentage of those who said they would use a condom when they someday become sexually active rose from 62 percent to 94 percent. The study also found that the number of males and females who had ever had sex remained constant during the entire study — 55 percent for males, 46 percent for females. Packets with 2 condoms were placed in four classrooms and outside the nurse's office. Approximately 2,000 packets were taken each month. ▼

OBITUARY

Steven Smith

Award-winning radio and TV broadcaster Steven Smith, who became president of the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles, died April 6.

Mr. Smith, 38, received 10 Golden Mike awards, 10 Los Angeles Press Club awards, 4 National Editorial Excellence awards, and the National Commendation from American Women in Radio and Television.

In 1989, he joined the Men's Chorus, and was elected president last year. A native of Chico, he ended his own life, after years of fighting the AIDS virus.

Memorial services were held at the AIDS Project Los Angeles offices. ▼

Help Yourself Health and More

Carol Lincoln and Julie Pedro left careers in the traditional health care to provide Sacramento with nutritional and personal care products, bulk herbs, teas, books and music to enhance wellness. Their attractive Help Yourself shop, complete with garden and splashing fountain, is located in the Promemade Shopping Center on Rush River Drive at Windbridge. Info: 422-1393 ▼

In addition to unique products, Pedro and Lincoln carry major nutritional brands, an exotic selection of candles and aromathearputics.

Mercy Healthcare Offers Free Breast Cancer Screenings

Mercy Healthcare Sacramento will offer free breast cancer screenings and mammograms on May 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 and 28 at the Mercy Family Health Center, located on the Methodist Hospital campus, 7601 Hospital Dr., Suite 101, Sacramento.

The free breast cancer screenings are a collaborative effort of Mercy Healthcare Sacramento, Catholic Healthcare West, the Gold Country Regional Partnership Breast Cancer Early Detection Program (BCEDP), the YWCA Encore*plus* Program, American Cancer Society and Sacramento Radiology. Info. (916) 264-8066 ▼

Gay Adoptions Approved

Springfield,VA: The Board of Directors of the North American Council on Adoption Children (NACAC) last month adopted a policy statement on Gay and Lesbian Foster Adoptive Parenting; "Everyone with the potential to successfully parent a child in foster or adoption is entitled to fair and equal consideration regardless of sexual orientation."

NACAC becomes the second major adoption organization in the nation to have a policy supporting gay and lesbian adoptions, joining Child Welfare League of America. ▼

Family Leave Act Passes Committee

By a party-line 4 to 3 vote the State Senate Industrial Relations Committee approved a bill that would allow domestic partners to take up to 12 weeks unpaid leave to care for a loved one who is ill. The bill, by Los Angeles Senator Tom Hayden, expands California's medical-leave act to include roommates, a sibling, or an in-law. Currently the law only covers members of an employee's immediate family.

LIFE lobbyist, Ellen McCormick, called Hayden's bill, "probably the most important, I've worked on" Art Croney of the Committee on Moral Concerns said the bill rewards "relationships of convenience," and California Manufactures Association lobbyist Willie Washington opposed passage on the grounds that that it will add the paper work required of employers. All four Democrats on the Committee voted for Hayden's bill while the three Republicans voted no. The bill next goes to Senate Appropriations where passage is expected. ▼

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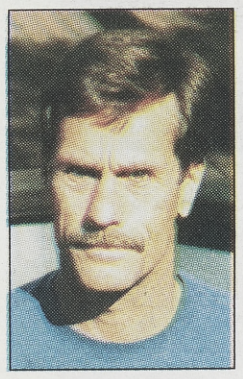

David Ugarkovich

Sport: Swimming
Age: 50
Occupation: Firefighter
Competing In: 7 events, Breaststroke, individual medley, freestyle

With David Ugarkovich, this isn't just a hobby, but a passion. This will be his third time competing at the gay games. When asked who inspired him, Ugarkovich responded as all the others have, his fellow athletes. He realized the first time he went that people were there for the fun and comraderie. They could have cared less if they won, it was just a pleasure to be there. A couple of people he admires, are Mark Spitz and more recently Janet Evans.

Ugarkovich works out seven days a week, at least one hour per day. He swims with the team at the Y.M.C.A. as well as belonging to an athletic club for cross training. He's medaled every time he has entered the pool in the past, and I have an inkling there's more gold in this athletes future.

Andy Brenan

Sport: Swimming
Age: 37
Occupation: Physical Therapist
Competing In: Breaststroke, individual medley and some freestyle and medley relays.

Scott Reuss

Sport: Swimming
Age: 36
Occupation: Teacher
Competing In: Breaststroke and Butterfly. Along with freestyle and medley relays.

Bringing people together is what the Gay Games are all about, and that's exactly what it did for Scott Reuss and Andy Brenan. They met 16 1/2 years ago and have been with each other ever since. Both of them have competed since the inception of the games in 1982. Reuss and Brenan train six days a week for about 1 1/2 hours.

Although Reuss swam in the first gay games, he didn't take it up officially until after the competition. He swam to be with Brenan, who he says is his inspiration, and best friend. Brenan on the other hand has been swimming for 23 years, and is inspired by the people that compete and make up the gay games. This month will be their 200 month anniversary. What better way to celebrate, then to prepare for the one thing that brought them together in the first place.

You know the old saying, "It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game". These two know how to play the game, and in my eyes they're both winners. For more information about the gay games swimming competition, call Andy Brenan at 923-5174.

Looking for "Love"?

Get your minds out of the gutter, we're talking tennis here! George Link, a tennis player from Chico, California, is looking for a doubles partner. Link is going to the gay games whether he finds a local partner or not. He competed in the games that were held in Vancouver in 1990. Link won a bronze medal in the Men's Senior division that year at the ripe young age of 65. He still competes today at 73, and has had a lot of experience in tournament play. He would like to find someone locally to team up with so they can spend a little time practicing before making the trip to Amsterdam. Link says, "It's so exciting being with all the other gay people, it's more than a sports event". I only had the pleasure of speaking to Mr. Link over the phone, but if he has as much enthusiasm on the tennis court, at least half of the senior doubles title will be coming back to the valley. If you are interested in teaming up for a little racquet time, contact George Link at (530) 895-3247. ▼

Diving Added to Gay Games

Requests for a diving competition prompted the Gay Games organi zation to add it. The Competition will follow FINA regulations and participants must be licensed by their national diving association affiliated with FINA. Competition days are August 3-6.

The swimming program is the only sports event held outside of Amsterdam, at the "Sportfondsenbad" in the city of Amersfoort, about half an hour from Amsterdam. The Sportfondsenbad features a 50-meter competition pool and a 25-meter pool with high diving facilities.

Over 14,000 people have already registered for the sports and cultural program of Gay Games Amsterdam 1998. Badminton and Ice Hockey have reached participation limits and registration has been closed. Registration officially closed on April 30. ▼

Gay Games Adds Cultural Programs

Gay Games Amsterdam 1998, August 1-8, will include 30 competitor and six spectator sports. Besides sports, it will offer the largest cultural and festivities program in the history of the Gay Games. During the games, 15,000 participants and 200,000 guests will visit Amsterdam, Holland.

Over 40 art exhibitions at Amsterdam's renowned museums, such as the Rijksmuseum, The Stedelijk Museum of Modern Art, and the Jewish Historical Museum, will be shown, all related to the Gay Games. Galleries and museums will offer visitors a selection of historic and contemporary gay and lesbian art and cultural expression. Theater and musical performances will take place in several Amsterdam theaters such as the "Stadsschouwburg," which is the municipal theater. Performances by the legendary Harvey Fierstein, "Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo" and the Japanese Shadow Theater of Ken Togo will be featured. The festive Openings Ceremony on August 1 will be held in the Amsterdam Arena. It will include a parade of all 15,000 participants and a Klompendans (Clog Dance) by Hans van Manen, choreographed by Rachel Beaujean.

"Noot aan de Man," Europe's oldest gay choir will host The Choir Festival, featuring 2250 vocalists from four continents. The festival will close with a gala evening on August 8 in the famous Concertgebouw, with a performance of the most notable choirs.

Amsterdam will also host the Open Air Film Festival, a first for the city, with a gay and lesbian film program, free of charge. The Women's Festival, named "Lesbian Nations" is dedicated to the theme Androgyny. A variety of lively and humorous theater, dance and music programs will be shown in the multimedia center "De Melkweg." During the three nights of the Storytelling Festival, lesbians and gays from all over the world will share their "Coming Out" stories, accompanied by artists presenting their culture.

In the Community Arts Program, 250 professional and amateur artists will participate in 17 projects. The artists, just like the athletes, will work on various kinds of terrain. An open stage for performances by participants in the Community Arts Program as well as demonstration sports can be found in the Friendship Village. This is the central Gay Games Amsterdam 1998 site, where all participants register, obtain information and meet people.

New in the Gay Games program is the Social Politics Program that consists of conferences and workshops organized by partner organizations such as Amnesty International, HIVOS and the European Rainbow Quilt Tour.

This year, for the first time, dancing will be one of the 30 competitive sports in the Sports Program. The swimming event will probably be the largest ever organized in the world. The Marathon on August 8 is likely to be the largest sports event of the Gay Games. ▼

Learn to Row

Rowing offers a unique experience, which can only truly be appreciated by being on the water with an oar in your hand. The sport is well suited for people of all ages, genders, and levels of athleticism. Rowing offers both recreational and competitive opportunities, as well as physical and psychological challenges. It is an excellent low-impact, all body workout which can give the athlete a rewarding sense of individual and team accomplishment.

Sacramento Crew-Learn to Row is a program designed by the River City Rowing Club to introduce beginners to the fundamentals of rowing. These are ôon the waterö classes which will cover the basics of the rowing stroke, boat handling, rowing terminology and water safety, and launch the novice rower towards an understanding of the elements within a team boat. The focus will be sweep rowing, a form of rowing favorable to teamwork in which each rower pulls one oar. Students will be practicing in competitive and very hands-on.

Practices will be held at the River City Rowing Club boathouse, in the Port of Sacramento. This serene body of water is excellent for rowing. It offers a spacious and well-protected area, centrally located for residents of the Sacramento and Davis community. This is also the home water of the UC Davis Crew team. It is in West Sacramento.

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Arthur Ericsson, head coach for the Cal State Maritime MenÆs and WomenÆs Crew in Vallejo. He has helped coach their MenÆs Varsity * and Lightweight 4 to first place wins so far this Spring. He is a Certified Level II Coach by US Rowing. Arthur helped coach the menÆs and womenÆs RCRC Junior Crew Team in the fall. Arthur has been a member of RCRC and Oregon Rowing Unlimited, and has competitively trained and participated in many sweep and sculling events. Experienced coxswains will provide coaching assistance for each boat.

Rowing offers participates an ideal format to work together as a team, to strengthen friendships and at the same time get some exercise. The program encourages organizations and companies to put together a crew team which will learn together as a team, and enable the co-workers to continue to row together for recreation and/or competition as a team within RCRC.

Individuals that are learning to row form composite crews who learn to row together as a team.

Enrollment Info: Arthur Ericsson, 442-5926 ▼

OUT ON FILM

This Little Piggy Went Out of Control

by Stefan Grünwedel
MGW/Staff

***The Butcher Boy.* Starring Eamonn Owens, Stephen Rea, Fiona Shaw, and Aisling O'Sullivan. Directed by Neil Jordan. (105 min.)**

In this early 60s-era movie, both communism and the atomic bomb are at the center of avid conversation in small-town Ireland. One woman remarks, "It'll be a bitter day for this town if the world comes to an end!" Sure enough, a bomb falls and two young boys find themselves stumbling through their burned-out town, where the dead townspeople's bodies have been changed to charred pigs.

Humor, a vivid imagination, and troubling metaphors make *The Butcher Boy* one very different children's film. Based on Patrick McCabe's award-winning novel of the same name, Neil Jordan's film centers around the trials of twelve-year-old Francie Brady (Owens), whose childhood fantasy world of cowboys and Indians crumbles when the real world falls in on him.

His alcoholic father, Benny (Rea), drives his mother (O'Sullivan) to the brink of despair. If that weren't enough, his pretentious and nosy neighbor, Mrs. Nugent (Shaw), drives him to desperate acts of violence.

This is not to say that Francie is an innocent, hapless kid. From the beginning, he's shown to need attention to live—whether it comes from good or ill deeds. He bullies other kids, finagles adults, and even steals.

Yet despite these questionable qualities, he emerges as a victim of both his own doing and the doings of others.

The disturbing story aside, *The Butcher Boy* is beautifully filmed. The lush backdrop of County Monaghan sets the stage for a child's fantasy to run wild, while the somewhat dreary scenes in the small town of Clones echo the stifling, small-mindedness of townsfolk.

The film's scoring is also eerily appropriate. From the musical rendition of "Mack the Knife" over the dramatic comic-book opening credits, it's evident that something bad will happen—someone will get it in the end. Even the haunting song "Beautiful Bundoran," sung by Sinéad O'Connor (who appears briefly—and effectively—as the Virgin Mary), seems tailor-made for the film.

If there's any real problem with the film, it's simply that the particular Irish accent the characters speak (authentic though it is) is often difficult to understand.

The Butcher Boy plays at Landmark's Tower Theatre. For clips, stills, and production information about the movie, check out the official Web site at www.thebutcherboy.com. ▼

Francie Brady (Eamonn Owens, center) is forcefully ejected by unfriendly neighbor Mrs. Nugent (Fiona Shaw) and her son Philip (Andrew Fullerton) in Geffen Pictures' "The Butcher Boy".

"The Big Hit" More Than a Hit for Mark Wallberg

Ron Christ
MGW/Staff

The video clips now showing on television for the new movie "The Big Hit", don't do the film justice.

An action/comedy, during the first fifteen minutes of the film there are 20 plus dead bodies, explosives, smoke bombs, etc., plenty of action. What makes the film work is the comedy.

Mark Wallberg, bad boy of "Boogie Nights" stars as a hit man (Mel) with a mistress, (Lela Rochon) and a fiancée, (Christina Applegate) both wanting his money. He has more debts than money and is driven to participate in a kidnapping with his professional associates, for some extra cash. Little does he know the comedy of errors that will follow.

"The Big Hit" is a decent action film with guns, grenades, crashes, (none involving law enforcement), the total destruction of a video store and more. Oh yes, as I mentioned all the dead bodies anyone could want in a single film. The romantic mis-adventures of Mel and the comic mishaps of his associates Cisco (Lou Diamond Phillips), Crunch (Bokeem Woodbine), Vince (Antonio Sabato, Jr.), Gump (Robin Dunne) and their boss, Paris (Avery Brooks) allow plenty of laughs

The kidnap victim, Kieko played by 24-year old, China Chow, daughter of restaurateur, Michael Chow, falls in love with Mel on screen and Mark off screen. It seems during the filming Mark and China fell in 'love at first sight' and are now a real life couple.

Don't expect any sexy love scenes. The only love scenes between the two will have to be off screen. The one "hot" love scene in the movie centered around an uncooked chicken.

"The Big Hit" from Sony Pictures, is sure to be a hit on film and as a video rental. Check it out, "The Big Hit" opened in theaters April 24. ▼

Foreign Films Amaze at Festival

With barely a week left to go before the **41st San Francisco International Film Festival** ends on May 7th, there is still plenty to see for moviegoers of all interests. Some interesting highlights:

Murmur of Youth, from Lin Cheng-sheng (Taiwan), depicts two girls from very different backgrounds who develop an intimate friendship when they begin working together in a movie box office.

The Land Girls, from David Leland (England), shows three young women from very different backgrounds who work at a remote Dorset farm during World War II as part of England's Women's Land Army. Their experience leads to new freedoms, fast friendships, unexpected romances, and altered destinies.

Ticket, from Im Kwon-Taek (South Korea), is an unflinching portrait of prostitution, depicting women who harbor dreams of escape.

Mandala, also from Im Kwon-Taek, is about a young man who wants to become a monk and an older, highly unconventional monk, whom he meets on a bus. Both are flawed and fallible, but their friendship is overwhelmingly moving.

Leila, from Dariush Mehrjui (Iran), is a subtly subversive look at the role of women in Iranian society: the newlywed who can't bear children, the husband who defies convention by loving her just the same, and the heartbreak that defiance brings.

Motel Cactus, from Park Ki-Yong (South Korea), is his feature debut tracing the fragility of human love. In the sentimental celebration of anonymous sex, fleeting moments leave painful memories.

Chinese Box, from Wayne Wang (Hong Kong), at the Castro Theater closes the festival, and is followed by a party "that will shake The City." Chinese Box captures the tumultuous days before Chinese control of Hong Kong in a gritty documentary style reflecting the city's rhythms and frantic pace. As the clock counts down to the end of British colonial rule, the stories of four people (played by Jeremy Irons, Gong Li, Michael Hui, and Maggie Cheung) are woven into a "love rectangle" in a deeply personal tale of transition.

The 41st San Francisco International Film Festival runs through May 7th at various theaters around San Francisco. For ticket information, call (415) 441-7373. Tickets are also available through BASS. For up-to-date festival information, call (415) 931-FILM. For complete information about the film festival online, visit the Web site at www.sfiff.org/fest98. ▼

America Loves Object of My Affection

The low-budget, studio-produced romantic comedy The Object of My Affection opened a strong second at the box office, grossing an estimated $10 million. The film explores the friendship between Anna Borowski (Jennifer Aniston) and George Hansen (Paul Rudd), a gay teacher. "The early success of Object reconfirms that Americans not only accept, but embrace accurate depictions of lesbians and gay men," said Chastity Bono, GLAAD Entertainment Media Director. "Hollywood is finally reaping the rewards of non-sterotypical portrayals of gay people in a number of films. Not only are these films receiving critical acclaim, but they make for good box office." ▼

GLAAD Media Awards Set Record

GLAAD set record attendance at the 9th Annual Media Awards, honoring the best and brightest media representatives of the GL community over the past year. The Media Awards were held at three events in New York on March 30, Washington, D.C. on April 4, and April 20 in Los Angeles. Overall, the Media Awards were attended by more than 3,500 people. The $1.4 million raised will be used in GLAAD's continuing efforts to honor those whose work exemplifies the tremendous improvements that have been made in the media coverage of the GL community. ▼

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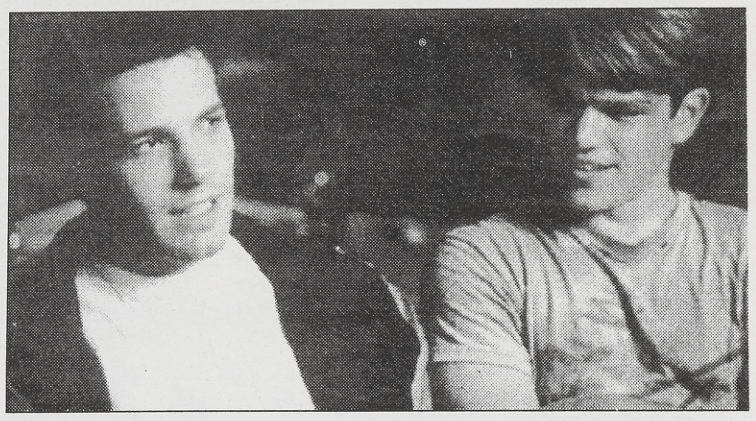
She Slept with Her Brother's Boyfriend

by Gerald Semas
MGW/Staff

On Film...

You found the foreplay scene between Jennifer Anniston and Paul Rudd difficult to watch in Object of My Affection? Then I must warn you that in the new Sony/Tri-Star picture The Opposite of Sex, the straight girl and gay guy carry the same scenario much further. The film is the latest effort of director Don Roos, best known for writing the films Single White Female and Boys On The Side. **Christina Ricci** plays Dedee, a spoiled Bayou girl who goes to visit Tom, her gay brother, only to fall for his boyfriend. **Martin Donovan** (Hollow Reed) plays Tom, a teacher who lost his lover to AIDS and is now seeing Matt, played by **Ivan Sergei**. After pushing Matt into a sexual relationship, Dedee announces that she's carrying his child, steals $10,000 and convinces Matt to run off to L.A. with her. The cast also features appearances by **Johnny Galecki** (Roseanne), **Lisa Kudrow** (Friends) and **Lyle Lovett**. *So it sounds like 'One Life To Live' but it least you'll be sparred excessive commercials about feminine hygiene products.* ▼▼▼

Which came first, the Chicken or the blatant rip-off of another film. I don't know who's script was finished first but there are some strong similarities between The Object of My Affection and a new French film called Man is a Woman from Polygram. Aka 'L'Homme Est Une Femme Comme Les Autres' for you Francophiles. This version offers a Jewish girl who falls in love with a Jewish gay man at his cousin's wedding. The slight switch on this version is that the man's wealthy uncle, who knows he's gay, offers him $2 million to marry the girl. You already know the speech "*You should settle down, get married, have some kids and stop causing your mother so much grief!*" ▼▼▼



Ben Affleck and Matt Damon

The 2nd annual MADCAT - Women's International Film and Video Festival will hold court at S.F.'s Roxie Theatre May 15 - May 17th. The event promises to feature the most innovative films made by women to be seen anywhere. *Does that include Pamela Lee's home videos?* ▼▼▼ An article in Newsweek reports that Jerry Falwell was hired as a religious expert for the animated movie Prince of Egypt. The Dreamworks production hits theatres this December and looks at the life of Moses. ▼▼▼ Chasing Amy director **Kevin Smith** is directing his real-life buddies, Oscar-winners **Matt Damon** and **Ben Affleck** in the film Bearclaw. The two cinema darlings are playing grounded angels who are trying to get back to heaven. *What's so hard about that? If they stop at my place, I'll make them feel like they're in heaven!* ▼▼▼

A history-making entry in L.A.'s recent Pan African Arts and Film Festival was the first film on homosexuality from sub-Saharan Africa. *Remember, that Meryl Streep movie wasn't called 'Out In Africa'.* The feature, called Dakan, tells the story of two gay men from New Guinea who've been in love with each other since they were schoolboys. The screening was followed by a spirited dialogue concerning diversity within the black community between its heterosexual and homosexual ranks. ▼▼▼

In Theatre...

Amsterdam is getting a new musical based on the lives of popgroup **ABBA** this summer. Using 25 original ABBA songs, the revue is called The Dancing Queens and covers the years between 1974 and 1982. The show will also be part of the cultural program of the 1998 Amsterdam Gay Games which includes a new production of The Rocky Horror Show, Les Ballets Trocadero de Monte Carlo and **Harvey Fierstein's** one man show This is Not Going to Be Pretty. ▼▼▼ Former 'Star Search' winner and Broadway star **Sam Harris** (The Life) will play Al Jolson in a new Broadway bound musical called The Jazz Singer. The show is scheduled for a November opening after a short stint at Boston's Colonial Theatre. Other characters in the show include **Ruby Keeler**, **Walter Winchell**, **Georgie Jessel** and **Eubie Blake**. ▼▼▼

Those guys behind the endless hit Greater Tuna have opened their creative can openers once more and come up with a second sequel to their hysterical look at life in a tiny Texas town. The new version is called Red, White and Tuna and is set at a class reunion of familiar characters from the other shows. The authors, **Jaston Williams** and **Joe Sears** will be performing their new work in Austin this month and move on to San Antonio and Fort Worth. *What's their next show, 'Tuna Helper?'* ▼▼▼

Bits and Pieces...

Sacramento's Lambda Players presents Finding Emily which explores the lives of three generations of women from May 15 - June 6. ▼▼▼ S.F.'s own Theatre Rhinoceros presents recreations of the experiences of young gay African-Americans in Up Jumped Springtime May 7 - June 6. The piece was conceived and adapted by Coman Domingo, who also stars and explores issues of gender identity, family acceptance, committed love and death. ▼▼▼ Fruit off the loom. S.F.'s New Performance Theatre will stage an evening of gay short stories on May 5, 7 & 8. The collection is called Word of His Own and includes the work of Gal Uchovsky, Tamir Greenberg and Shaun Levin among others. ▼▼▼

On Television...

It's the first gay TV show that won't be on TV. More specifically, it will be on your computer monitor. The first episodic television-like program to be produced for and air on the internet will be accessible this month and it includes a number of gay characters. The show is called Chad's World and centers on Chad, a conflicted teen whose best friend commits suicide after coming out to his parents. At one point Chad will go off to live with his gay brother, Kevin and his partner Jim. The show will feature 8 minutes of commercials and 22 minutes of program that can be viewed just like television and without that choppy feeling of a videophone. *Can Aaron Spelling be far behind?* ▼▼▼

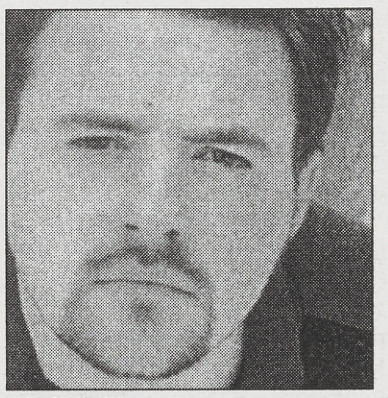
The first week of May, PBS stations will air an impressive new special called In The Footsteps of Alexander The Great. The four hour documentary looks at the life of history's best known Gay conqueror. *That of course, excludes*

Lisa Kudrow

the Viking who first discovered Fire Island. Host **Michael Wood** retraces Alexander's journey's through modern day Turkey, Israel, Egypt and Iran. ▼▼▼ Nominations for the 1998 Tony Awards will be announced on May 4th. The Awards will be broad- cast on CBS June 7th featuring return host **Rosie O'Donnell** who also serves as co-producer. ▼▼▼ Congratulations go out to the Gay/Lesbian News Magazine TV series 'In The Life' which celebrates it's 6th anniversary on May 1. Sadly, since it's debut, both San Francisco and Sacramento PBS stations still feel it necessary to air the award-winning show after 11pm. ▼▼▼

Though the finale episode of her abused-by-the-network TV series, will air May 13, **Ellen Degeneres** is far from sitting around licking her wounds. A few weeks ago, her and partner **Anne Heche** hopped over to London for the debut of a new documentary called The Real Ellen Story. The film looks at the behind-the-scenes activities which lead up to the historical coming out episode of the Ellen series. British audiences will see the project before U.S. audiences as it air on U.K. television as part of a whole evening of coming-out themed programing. ▼▼▼

More tales from the making of More Tales of the City. Though there are a number of different actors in pivotal roles, don't despair, some of your favorites are still under the influence of Barbary Lane. **Olympia Dukakis** is back as Mrs. Madrigal, **Thomas Gibson** (Dharma & Greg) returns as Beauchamp Day, **Laura Linney** is Mary Anne Singleton and **Bill Campbell** (The Rocketeer) is still Jon Fielding. Sadly, the adorable **Marcus D'Amico**, who played Michael is not in this sequel. That character will have a new face in the form of actor **Paul Hopkins** (Highlander III), **Nina Siemaszko** (Johns) is the new Mona and **Whip Hubley** (Species) will be Brian Hawkins. Those making guest and cameo appearances include **Ed Asner**, **Scott Thompson** (Kids in the Hall), **Parker Posey** (Party Girl) and **Dan Bulter** (Frasier). ▼▼▼



Kevin Smith

Misc...

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You've heard about **Leonardo DiCaprio's** lawsuit against Playgirl to stop them from publishing nude photos of him in their July issue. Though the magazine will not say where they got the photos it is pretty certain that they come from the movie Total Eclipse in which DiCaprio had a nude scene. *Let's just say it is smaller than an iceberg and bigger than an ice cube.* If you don't want to wait for litigation to conclude, go rent the movie yourself. ▼▼▼

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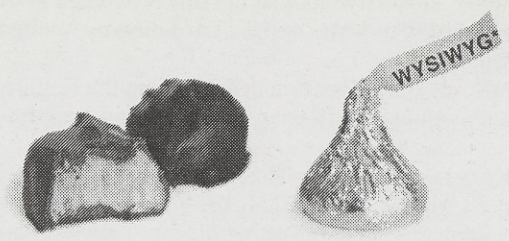
ENDQUOTE

"Most gay bashers will be wearing what gay people had on four years earlier - only in polyester with a Penny's label."

—**Paul Rudnick**

Life May Be A Box of Chocolates.



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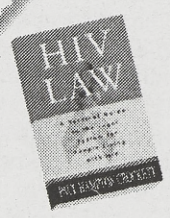

SOUND BITES

Old School Soul

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Motown Records

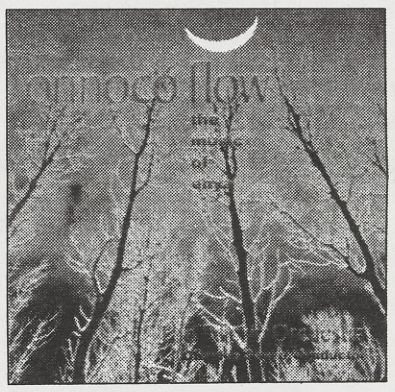
Every so often I get a review that writes itself, I don't need to scan the bio's, I don't need to listen for hit and misses, all I need it a memory to recollect back to simpler, less complex musical times. So on the contingent my memory banks still work.....lets go. The recording technologies available today encapsulate all the melodies and sounds that got lost between the recording microphone and consumers speakers, so it's a pure joy to spin the *Motown 40 Forever* two disc CD's on today's equipment. Relive then, as now's technology formats: **The Marvelettes**, **Smokey Robinson** and **The Miracles**, **Martha Reeves** and **The Vandellas**, **Mary Wells**, **Marvin Gaye** and **Tammie Terrell, Four Tops, The Originals, Jimmy Ruffin, Eddie Kendricks, Jackson 5, Stevie Wonder, The Temptations**, and **Diana** (*Big Hair*) **Ross** and **The Supremes** complete the first old school disc. The second disc blends new old with old, old, starting with former *Bad Boy* **Rick James** and including **Dazz Band**, **Johnny Gill, Jermaine Jackson, Teena Marie** and **Rick James**, (*Son of the King*) **Rockwell, The Temptations, Edwin Starr, Diana Ross, Lionel** (*I sold out the Commodores*) **Richie, Debarge, The Commodores** (*before the departure of brutus*), **Shanice, Boyz II Men, Stevie** (*The Master*) **Wonder, Marvelous Marvin Gaye, Today, Dennis Edwards**, and **I Want You Back**. *Motown 40 Forever* brings the soul.

—Charles Turner

Relax Time

The Taliesin Orchestra,
Orinoco Flow, Intersound

A Beautiful piece is timeless, it has the power to warm from within like a thousand rays of sun. *The Taliesin Orchestra* **Charles Sayre**, conductor has harnessed eleven of its rays; *Orinoco Flow The music of Enya*. This album may be a little hard to locate, but anything worth having is worth an effort. The rich texture and lyrical quality escape the listener to a place of musical richness of little parallel. Enjoy the beautiful orchestration of "*Orinoco Flow* (from *Watermark*)", "*Athair Ar Neama* (from *The Memory of Trees*)", "*Lothlórien* (from *Shepherd Moons*)" to name a few. If it's beautiful it's *The Taliesin Orchestra*, the Mercedes of music. I highly recommend all *Taliesin* releases.



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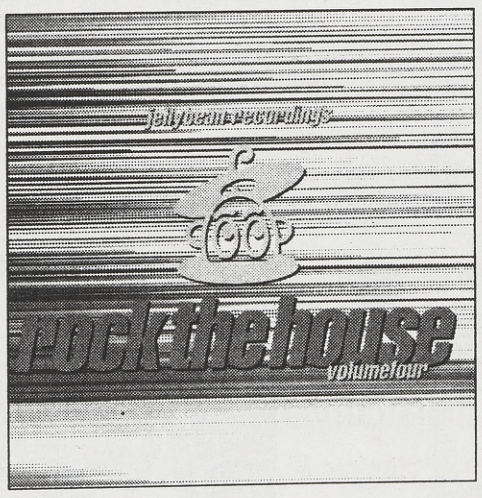

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Vintage

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—Charles Turner

Swing-It

Big Bad VooDoo Daddy,
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The wolves are back, zoot suited and ready to play *The Joint is Jumpin*, so come on in cause there's always room for more, hit the floor as *Big Bad VooDoo Daddy* takes us through Coolsville swinging and shaking these baggies, toe tappin those spats. The album is a tremendous salute to the big band sound performed flawlessly, whether it's "*The Boogie Bumper*", "*Mr. Pinstripe Suit*", the wing-tipped "*King Of Swing*", the smooth groove of "*Maddest Rind of Love*" or the high hat horn flow of "*Go Daddy O*" the 12 track compilation is well put together. If the swing sound is your cup of tea, *Big BadVooDoo Daddy* is your ticket....oh yeah, no swing is complete without "*Minnie The Moocher*", it's cool daddy-o, way out man.

—Charles Turner

Brief Detour

EDITOR S NOTE: Please forgive the briefness and the not-to-in-depth reporting....I am under construction and my brain is down to one lane.

—Charles Turner

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MEDIA WATCH

Two Articles on Teaching Tolerance

In the first week of April, both the Chicago Tribune and the Associated Press featured strong articles on the challenges faced by g/l teachers in public schools. One discussed the struggled of Los Angeles P.E. teacher Cathy Figel, who came out to her students during a lesson on respect. The school principal disciplined Figel for introducing her personal life into the classroom. Figel fought back, arguing that heterosexual teachers bring their lives into the schoolroom through wedding rings and family photographs. Figel is now on medical leave because of stress. The article ends with a psychologist noting how positive a teacher's coming out can be for g/l/b youth, but how for conservative religious youth such "information about a teacher they respect might not fit into their beliefs."

The other compared the reactions to g/l educators coming out in San Francisco to the hostility faced by a former science teacher in San Leandro, even though "only the S.F. Bay separates them. There is nothing new about g/l teachers. Although exact numbers aren't available, authorities say there are probably thousands nationwide. Most are closeted ...[yet] a small but growing number of teachers are coming out. The article pointed out that a federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act could help protect teachers, and all Americans, from being discriminated against in the workplace solely based on sexual orientation. ▼

ABC Drops Two Ellen Episodes

On April 15, ABC decided to drop two newly taped episodes of the award-winning sitcom Ellen and air only the show's, finale. The final, hour-long Ellen will air on May 13, with Two Guys, a Girl and a Pizza Place filling the earlier two time slots that Ellen. Adding insult to injury, the April 15 Two Guys, a Girl and a Pizza Place presented stereotypical representations of gay men.

Ellen's imminent cancellation has been the topic of much speculation in the media, Hollywood and for a devoted nationwide audience. ABC's sudden decision came as a shock to the beleaguered show and for millions of fans. For months ABC has claimed that they stand behind the show. If this is how they support their programming, it is certainly a 'unique' approach." ABC may decide to show the unaired episodes sometime this summer.

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Two Looks at Gay Hollywood

In light of the new gay-themed movie, Object of My Affection, both the Miami Herald and USA Today recent provided reflections on g/l representations in Hollywood past, present and future. The Miami Herald story, by staff movie critic Rene Rodriguez, notes that Object "breaks new ground: Here, at last, is a Hollywood movie aimed at mainstream audiences, in which a gay man is not suffering from AIDS, does not keep a dress in his closet, does not need to be taught how to talk like a 'man'. George, the gay protagonist, doesn't even feel alienated or maladjusted. He's a fully dimensional, self-assured individual who is not defined solely by his sexuality.' It also notes that, unlike the gay characters in As Good As It Gets and My Best Friend's Wedding, Object, "shows George expressing physical affection for other men; those moments are presented with casual frankness, not melodramatic music."

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Gay United Airlines Employees Push for Full Benefits

Coming shortly after a federal court ruling on San Francisco's ordinance requiring all businesses working with the City to provide domestic partnership benefits to employees, United With Pride (UWP), United Airlines' g/l/b/t employee group is pushing the airline to give all employees equal benefits. In the April 10 court ruling, a judge decided that while S.F. had the right to have such a policy in cases where the city is a consumer, it cannot demand certain employee benefits from companies in cases where the city acts as regulator, such as is the case at the airport. United Airlines claimed that the suit, brought by United Airlines and other members of the Air Transportation Association (ATA), had nothing to do with trying to evade providing equal benefits to gay employees, but rather had to do with corporate rights in interstate commerce. "United's intentions on domestic partners should become clearer in the weeks following the ruling," said UWP Executive Director Nick Morse adding, "United should take the lead among airlines to correct these discriminatory practices for all its employees. Info: Nice Morse (UWP) at 415/908-6776 ▼

1998 GLAAD Media Award Winners

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Outstanding TV Talk: Oprah Winfrey show "Ellen's Coming Out"
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Outstanding Music: Janet Jackson The Velvet Rope
Outstanding Magazine Article: "Yep, I'm Gay" Time Magazine
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Outstanding Newspaper Article: "What a Difference a Modem Makes" by Matthew McAllester (Newsday)
Outstanding Newspaper Column: "Outlooks" (Miami Herald)
Outstanding G/L/B/T Print Media: Gay People's Chronicle (Cleveland)
Outstanding Comic: For Better or For Worse
Outstanding Interactive Media: GLO Radio
Outstanding Theater Production: Mountains
Outstanding NY Theater Production: Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde

Castro to be Run on PBS Nationally

The Castro, an outstanding Peabody Award-winning documentary produced for San Francisco public television station KQED, will be airing on public broadcasting stations nationwide as part of the celebration of June as G/L/B/T Pride Month. The Peabody committee describes the documentary as "an informative, unusual and provocative look at S.F.'s Castro District that reveals how one neighborhood became the cornerstone for a social and political movement."

Contact: Peter Calabrese, General Manger, KQED-TV, 2601 Mariposa St., San Francisco, CA 94110-1461, e-mail: tv@kqed.org.

Hormel's Son Speaks of Family Values

John C. Hormel, Jr., son of openly gay philanthropist and ambassadorial candidate James Hormel, writes of the integrity and courage of his dad. "When I was 11 years old, my father told me that he was gay. I didn't find this an easy bit of information to digest." "Now President Clinton has nominated my father to be U.S. ambassador to Luxembourg. This has made us, as a family, quite proud." A handful of senators are blocking the confirmation because of a "gay agenda" Hormel may "promote." "My father has dedicated a majority of his work throughout his life to philanthropy and diplomacy," Hormel, Jr. writes. "His qualifications as a diplomate have never been disputed. For these reasons, I have concluded that those senators blocking his nomination do so as a simple matter of discrimination." He finishes, adding, "My father's agenda for our family is to encourage closeness and integrity. His agenda as ambassador to Luxembourg is to represent our country. It just so happens that he is gay. The Senate deserves the opportunity to act on the American agenda, to deliberate and vote on my father's nomination." ▼

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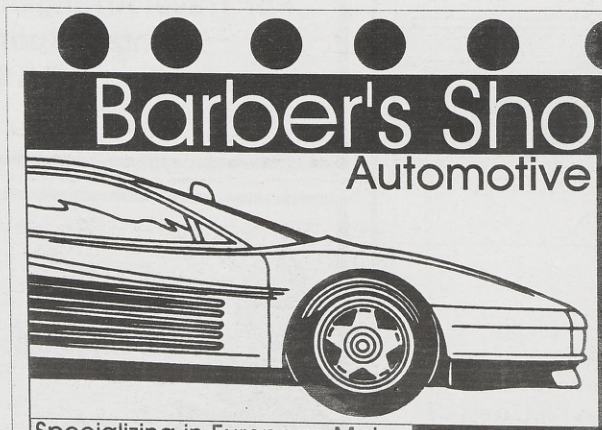

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A Movie Review
Bea Betzner
MGW/Staff

Lifetime® Television for Women™ presents a movie exploring parenting issues, friendship and sexuality.

Annie's biological clock is ticking. She is a thirty-six year old woman and desperately wants to have a baby. Her best friend from college Mickey, is a gay man who also wants to be a parent. While visiting their friend in the maternity ward, Mickey and Annie decide to have a baby together.

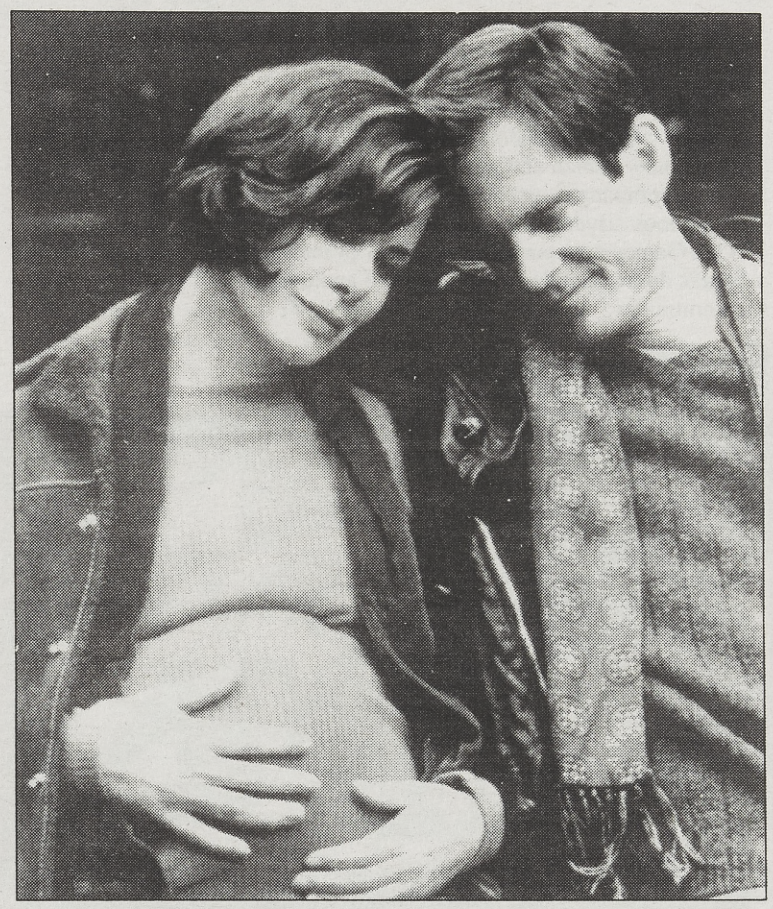
They spend time discussing their new parenting arrangement. The story has twists and turns with friends, lovers, and feelings adding complications and bringing up old problems to be confronted again.

After a doctor's visit and blood tests, he moves in and they prepare the nursery. Annie returns to work, and meets Gordon a foreign correspondent, ruggedly handsome and worldly. She falls for him; what timing!

He asks her to dinner, and sweeps her off her feet. She tries to tell him about her parenting arrangement but can't seem to find the right moment. Annie dating Gordon disturbs Mickey and he questions her commitment to their agreement.

Annie is pregnant and is unsure whether Mickey or Gordon is the father. When Mickey discovers this, doubts about their parenting commitment surface.

Mickey reconnects with his ex-lover, Marc at the funeral of a friend who has died of AIDS.



Marcia Gay Harden and David Marshall Grant portray an unlikely couple — a straight woman and a gay man — who decide to have a child together.

They rekindle their relationship in the shower at Annie and Mickey's place. Marc offers to help them financially with the baby. Annie and Mickey recommit to sharing the parenting responsibilities.

"Labor of Love" is an entertaining movie focusing on the parenting issues of two people who want to have a child together. Parenting decisions such as health care and financial responsiblity are superficially explored. Written agreements are stronger than discussing long term childrearing over coffee. In addition, it is worthy to note the camera spends time with Annie and Gordon kissing but minimizes the physical aspects of the gay relationship between Mickey and Marc. Don't miss "Ellen" to see it. ▼

Opinion

Ron Christ

Most of our readers must know by now of the statements and accusations by Green Bay Packer, Reggie White, that the country is "going away from God", that "homosexuality is running rampant" and that homosexuality is "a decision". (MGW April 15, page 6)

I might agree with him on the idea that some in this country have gone away from God. I would make the point that those who "choose" to "use" the Bible or religion to justify their prejudice and bigotry would be counted among those. The concept of "don't judge others lest you be judged by him" comes to mind.

To often the Bible is used for purposes it was not intended. There are the "White Supremacists" that use the Bible to justify racism, the anti-abortionists that use the Bible to justify the bombing of clinics and murder of doctors, and all sorts of others. Just recently three religious groups called for the destruction the King James Version of the Bible because King James was a homosexual and therefore it must be "tainted".

How convenient and also interesting the many ways people pick and choose which parts of the Bible they wish to use and which to ignore. It is further disappointing that this phenomenon is not limited to the Christian religion. I would rather we accept each other as we are, live our lives and not try to live others. We shall all one day face death and settle with our God.

I am entitled to my opinion. Reggie White is certainly entitled to his opinion, we all are. We would like to hear yours. ▼

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Exchange Students Need Homes

Host families are being sought for 25 high school students from France, Germany, Belgium, Spain, Denmark and other foreign countries for the upcoming school year, in a program sponsored by the American International Youth Student Exchange Program (AIYSEP).

The students, age 15 through 18, will arrive late August, attend local high schools and return to their home country in June, next year.

The students, all fluent in English, have been screened by school representatives in their home countries and will have spending money and medical insurance. Host families may deduct $50 per month for income tax purposes.

Info: AIYSEP Int'l Headquarters: Office of the Director, 200 Round Hill Road, Tiburon, CA 94920, phone: 800/347-7575. ▼

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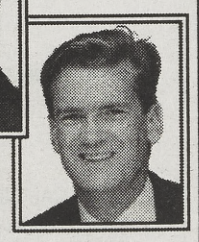

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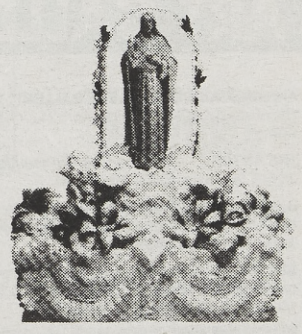

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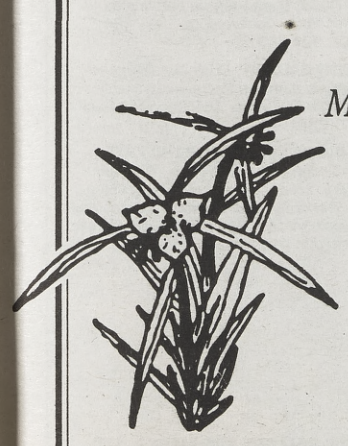

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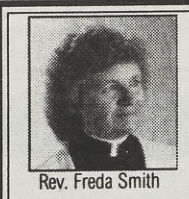

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Gay Days at Disneyworld

June 4-7 will mark the 8th annual Gay & Lesbian Days at Disney, Orlando, FL. The events has grown from only 500 people in 1991 to a sold out attendance. Last years attendance was over 90,000.

This year MT Productions will produce the first ever women's party Club Skirts "Harem". The event is planned for Saturday night at Arabian Nights, just outside Disney in Orlando. Bus tours are available for Men that will stop at the hottest clubs the same night.

Many hotels in the area are already booked due to the success of the weekend event. Info: Sport Leisure Travel ▼

Auto Europe Donates $10,000

Auto Europe, a travel wholesaler specializing in international car rentals, has donated $10,000 to cover hotels and air fares to Gay Games V for ten cyclists from New York.

The cyclists, all members of the Fast and Fabulous Cycling Club, the two-wheeled division of Front Runners New York and New York City's only lesbian and gay cycling club, will compete in Amsterdam.

The company is also a sponsor of the U.S. Olympic luge team, which took silver and bronze medals at the Winter Olympics in Japan. "Gay Games is an important symbol of international cooperation. It breaks down boundaries of language and culture that separate gay communities," said Bob Nelson, founder. ▼

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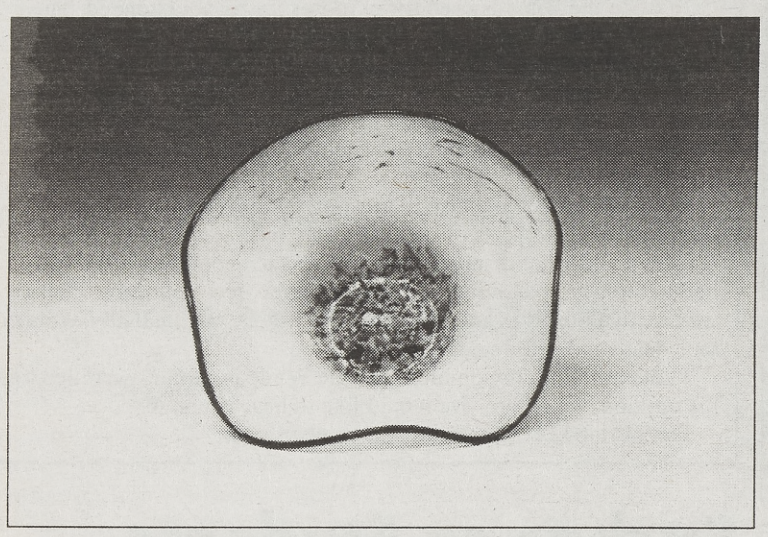

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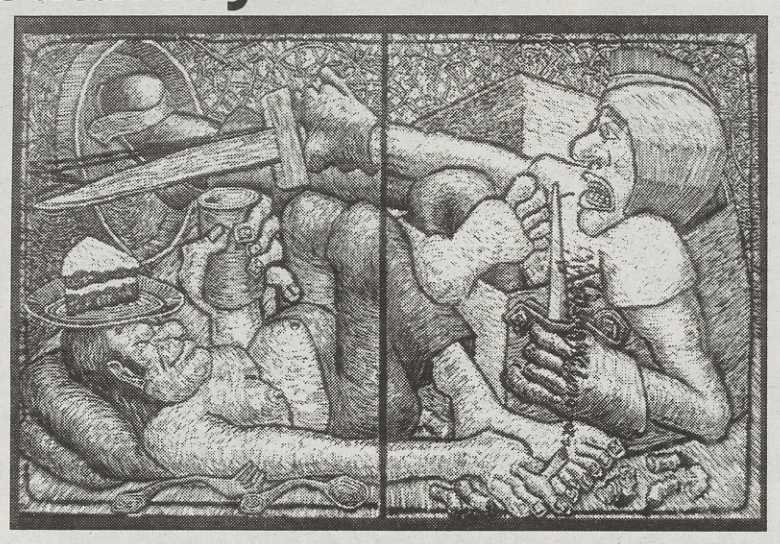

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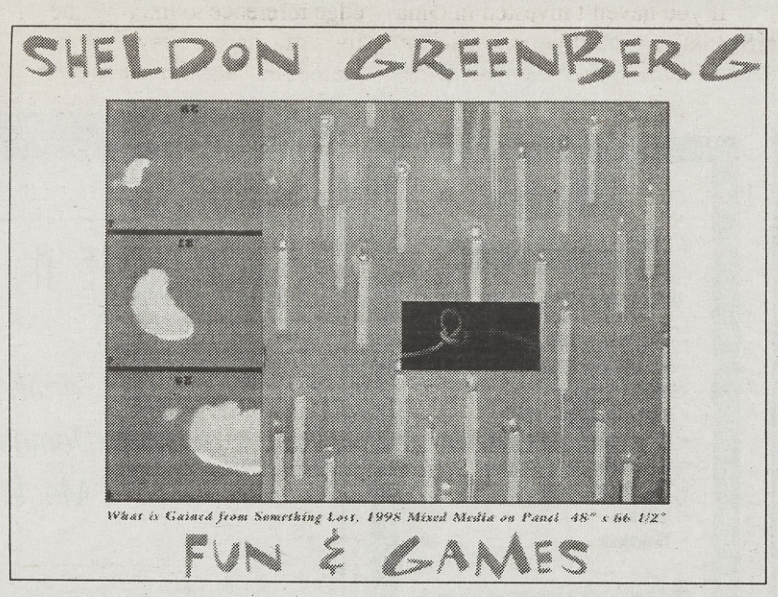

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BAHBU GALLERY OF MODERN ART, *Structure: Meaning and Effects,* works by Jamie Nelson 1107 22nd St 444-2512

BIG ART *New Works* mixed media drawing, paintings and ceramics by Lauren Dana Kline 1928 L St. Apr. 8-May 1, 446-2740

BLOOMING ART , *The Crucible,* May2-30, 1901 Capitol Ave., 442-3800

BRANSCOMB GALLERY, *Scottish Artist Morris Pollock,* through Apr. 23, Highway 1, Bodega Bay., 707-875-3388

CALIFORNIA CLAY-ART GALLERY. *Impromptu Show* wood-fired vessels by Eric Struck and other works by international and national artists, through Apr. 23, 2615 El Paseo Lane, Town & Country Village Shopping Center, 489-2409

CALIF. PALACE OF THE LEGION OF HONOR, Achenbach Foundation for Graphic Arts - *50th Anniversary Celebration* , April 18-July 5, *Contemporary Screenprints,* May 9 - Aug 16, 34th Ave. & Clement St., San Francisco, 415/863-3330.

CROCKER ART MUSEUM, *The Loaded Brush* Recent Watercolors from the Crocker *Art Collection,* Apr. 9-July 5; Crocker-Kinsley *Exhibition,* Apr. 3-May 26; *Art of Angling: Fishing Prints,* Opening Reception Apr. 16, 5:30, Apr.17-July 12; *Annual Art Auction,* May 16; *Art Service Group's Annual Evaluation Day,* Apr. 25, 9:30am; *Art of the Gold Rush,* June 20-Sept. 13; *Dutch and Flemish Drawing,* June 2-Aug. 30; *Durer,* Nov 12-Feb. 13, 1999; 216 O Street, 264-5423

CROCKER ART MUSEUM, Lecture Series, *Cruikshank of California,* April 22;10 am, Annual Art Auction, May 16. Art of the Gold Rush, June 21-Sept. 13, 216 O Street, 264-5423

CHROMA GALLERY *Contemporary Landscapes and Still Lifes in Radiant Color,* Through Apr. 30, 10030 Fair Oaks Blvd, 966-7517

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OPEN BOOK, photographs by Donald Hess, through April 30, 910 21st St. 498-1004

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TOWER ART GALLERY, *Gregory Kondo's River of Glass, Susan Hoehn painting of Napa, Ken Potter watercolors,* 5pm, 484 Howe Ave, 924-1001

VIEWPOINT GALLERY, *Sixth Annual Juried Exhibit* works from the Sacramento Valley Photographic Art Center 551 Seequoia Pacific Blvd. 441-2341

YERBA BUENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS, *Robotic Sculpture,* by Alan Rath, *The Last Judgement, I Hate Your Guts,* A Film/Video Series, *Works by Heidi Kumao, Needles and Pins,* March 14- May 31, 701 Mission Street, San Francisco, 415-978-2700

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PET TALK

For The Cat Lovers!

Joan B. Guertin
MGW/Staff

Since you all know that I spend most of my time "thinking dog", this may come as a bit of a surprise….an entire column devoted to Kitties! It came about quite by accident. I opened the Friday newspaper to the entertainment section and discovered that Silver Dollar City, a major theme park in the Branson area, currently hosting an International Festival, had a trained cat act! Since I was on deadline as usual, and straining my brain for a subject…..Voila, the perfect solution. So, I gathered up my current "hearing dog in training" and headed to the park.

According to the interview in the paper, Dominique LaFort, former European circus clown, "believes he has trained a troupe of five house cats to perform tricks on cue. And for 15 years he has made his living with the cat troupe, even appearing on the David Letterman show." Sounded pretty exciting and I could hardly wait to see a master at work with those independent critters, The Cat!

Now, I've been on this earth long enough to know that one should not approach any endeavor with expectations…..those buggers will disappoint you every time….and that's Murphy's Law! Needless to say, as a student, teacher and aficionado of gentle training, regardless of the species, disappointment was hardly the word for what I felt. In fact, after this column is downloaded to the office, I will call to register an official complaint against this so-called trainer of cats!

The one thing I will say for him is that his cats did stay in the roped off area and didn't seem to be the least bit phased by the crowd, which was large and enthusiastic in the beginning. However, you could feel the tension rise as LaForte postured, strutted and shouted at his charges. They appeared bored and disinterested most of the time which is pretty much Cat demeanor. And, they were lovely kitties….they were obviously well fed and appeared healthy. But having worked with everything from horses to chickens, I know that shouting generates very little cooperation and his kitties appeared to be very good at tuning him out! I also thought his remark in the news story that "the females learned faster than the males" was a bit sexist and he obviously never had a male cat named Gypsy Cat who was brilliant and a very quick learner!

Two major complaints which I had, since this is a family oriented venue, was that the kids watched as he picked cats up and tossed them upside down onto perches and had one jump through a flaming hoop. In an era of very impressionable children who possess little self-discipline and even less common sense…..well, I felt that the message sent was inappropriate.

So, I went to be entertained and came away appalled. The folks around me also seemed to register the same response. So, much as I had hoped that I could come away with an interview and some worthwhile words of wisdom in the training of cats, 'twas not to be. The book he claims to be writing on training cats which he hopes to have out by Christmas, would not land on my list for gifts to cat lovers.

However, the day wasn't a total loss. Once I returned home, I took a long look at my book shelf and realized that I had accumulated some "Cat Info" over the past few months, most of which should be of interest to those of you are sharing your homes with four-legged fur balls.

If you haven't invested in Gina Spadafori's latest book, ***Cats For Dummies*** (IDG Books Worldwide, 1997) you must dash out and buy it. (I got mine at Sam's Club). Penned with Dr. Paul D. Pion, DVM, this is one of the "must have" tomes for any cat owner or lover. I am sure that most of you know Gina or know who she is. She's a local gal who made good in this writing game. Most of us knew her when she was a copy editor at the Bee. Although her PET CONNECTION column is still read in the Bee, she's syndicated now and I even read her great stuff every week in our Branson Daily News. Gina has served on the board of directors of both the Cat Writers Association and the Dog Writer's Association and is a three time recipient of DWAA's Maxwell Medallion. Her work in ***Cats For Dummies,*** is a gem!

To quote Gina and her co-author, Dr. Pion, this book was meant to be a complete, cutting-edge reference to improve the lives of cats and those who love them. They accomplished their goal and more. This is a book that every veterinarian and even us dog trainers, should refer to as it is full of choice tidbits about cat behavior. I hate it when people ask me if I train cats and they look crestfallen because they have a problem. Usually when I inquire I find that it is usually something relatively simple such as getting on counters and furniture which can be simply remedied with a discreet stream of water from a squirt bottle from a distance.

Cats For Dummies covers everything you ever wanted to know about cats….and much, much more. Why do you want a cat? Which sex? how to select a veterinarian, the importance of neutering, health, diseases, feeding, behavior. Want to know how cats communicate their feelings? Cat Myths, What does it mean when your cat "kneads"? The important thing is the author reiterates the important points again and again in wonderful ways. She stresses that cats need to be worked with patience, patience, and more patience. And if you want to correct a behavior, stay with it. Don't give in…..believe it or not, the family cat is usually much smarter than the owner…..if they weren't, they wouldn't be getting their own way! There is also a very complete Appendix with names and addresses of resources for information about cats, organizations about and for; books, magazines, pet supply sources and animal charities.

Can you teach your cat tricks? Yes, says Spadafori, but first it is essential to understand that dogs come from a place of working with teamwork…that's the "pack mentality or structure". The cat, however, is a solitary hunter. Working with a cat requires that the cat has *first*, chosen to work with you. The cat also has to know that there is something in it for The Cat! The Cat has no desire to please, he doesn't think that way…bring on the food or a special toy or maybe your cat actually enjoys physical touch. But the reward has to be meaningful for Your cat. Gina recommends that anyone wanting to teach tricks to their cat, check out Anne Gordon's book, ***Show Biz Tricks for Cats (Adams).*** This book gives the "how to" for 30 tricks from jumping through hoops, climbing a ladder and rolling over.

Maybe what I need to do is give LaForte a copy of ***Dogs For Dummies and Show Biz Tricks for Cats***, so that he can see how Americans work with their animals.

In my next column I will review a video on cats I picked up from a Dog Training Conference and offer some other resources from my cat library. So, cat lovers, hang in….this next one is for you too! ▼

DINOSAUR BLANKIES

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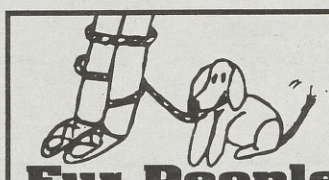

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STORY OF NOAH'S ARK, ballet by Crockett-Deane Ballet, 7pm, Sacramento Waldorf School, 3750 Bannister Rd., Fair Oaks, 453-0226

DOT: Potluck and Video Night, 6:30pm, Roseville, 772-1371

HONORING THE GODDESS WITHIN, workshop with Carol Hannagan, 6pm, Lioness books, 442-4657

UC DAVIS BICYCLE AUCTION, 300 bicycles for sale, 9am, UCD Fire & Police Station, Kleiber Hall Drive

CONCERT: DISCOVERIES; FRONTIERS OLD & NEW, 8pm, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 N Street, 929-6655

MUSIC: CANOTE & WILLIAMS, 7pm, Open Book, 910 21st St, 498-1004

3 SUNDAY

CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION, 12-6pm, Southside Park, T & W St between 6 & 8th

MICHAEL NEUMANN CONDUCTS, Sacramento Youth Symphony, Spring Concert, 3pm, Hiram Johnson H.S. , 65th Street 388-5777

STORY OF NOAH'S ARK, ballet by Crockett-Deane Ballet, 4pm, Sacramento Waldorf School, 3750 Bannister Rd., Fair Oaks, 453-0226

SPRING PARKING LOT SALE, 8am, La Sierra Comm. Center, 5325 Engle Road, Carmichael, 485-5322

WATERFRONT ARTFEST, 10am-5pm, View the Sacramento Yacht Club Annual Opening Day Parade, 100's of artists, Old Sacramento, 443-6223

HOT JAZZ CONCERT SERIES, 2pm, Tsakopoulos Library Galleria, 828 I Street, 264-2770

LODI STREET FAIRE, 8am-4pm, Elm & Church Streets, Lodi

SCIENCE FICTION BOOK CLUB, 6pm, Open Book, 910 21st St, 498-1004

BOWLING FUNDRAISER; Benefiting the River City roundup, 6-10pm, Land Park Bowl, 5850 Freeport Blvd, 726-5416

4 MONDAY

MEN'S DISCUSSION AND SUPPORT GROUP, Lambda Center, 6pm, 442-0185

SACRAMENTO POLICE RECUITMENT WORKSHOP, 6-8pm, 900 8th Street, Police Admin. Bld, 264-7155

6 WEDNESDAY

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP, "Before I was gay I was like this...", 7pm, Lambda Center, 920 20th Street

DOT, WOMEN'S NIGHT AT FACES, 8pm, 772-1371

WOMEN'S READING GROUP, 7pm, Open Book, 910 21st St, 498-1004

KARAOKE, FACES, 2000 K St, 448-7798

7 THURSDAY

BEING GAY TODAY, Dr. Nancy Nystrom interview by Marghe Covino, 10pm, Chan 17

PLANTING AND HARVESTING MEDICINAL HERBS, class with Toni Garcia, 6-8pm, Urban Herbalist, 447-HERB

TETEUCTIN BOOK CLUB, 7pm, Open Book, 910 21st St, 498-1004

SACRAMENTO COUNTY FAIR
Thursday May 7 - Sunday May 11
Events, Competitions, Carnival
Cal Expo Fairgrounds
263-2975

8 FRIDAY

GAY & LESBIAN SIERRANS, Dining Out, 736-9333

BARBARA WILSON, book reading/signing, 7pm, Lioness Books, 2224 J Street, 442-4657

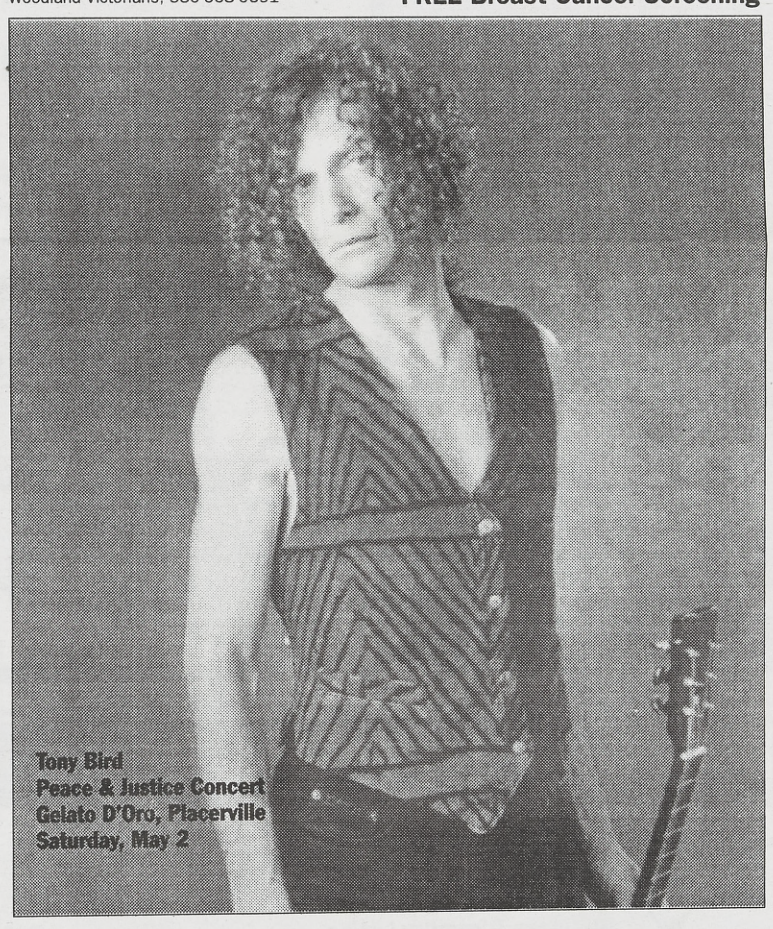
PACIFIC COAST INTERNATIONAL FENCING COMPETITION, May 8-11, Cal Expo Fairgrounds, Bldg. D, 263-2975

9 SATURDAY

RACE FOR THE CURE, Sacramento State Capitol, 1-800-653-5355

GAY & LESBIAN SIERRANS, Urban tour of Woodland Victorians, 530-668-0691

FREE Breast Cancer Screening



SACRAMENTO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, 11am & 1pm, Tsakopoulos Library Galleria, 922-9200

PHOTO SHOW, work of Sergio Saenz, music by Latin Express, 6-9pm, Postcards Etc, 2101 L St.

LAMBDA LETTERS PROJECT, Annual Membership Meeting, 9:30am, 965-6851

ASTRONOMY DAY, 12-6pm, 5750 Grant Ave, Carmichael, 485-5322

CAPITAL CITY LEATHER ASSOC, rummage sale, Joseph's 1454 Del Paso Blvd. RSVP 733-2015

ORCHID MANIA, Annual Sale, Fort mason Firehouse, SF 415-841-1678

KSFM 102.5 SPRING JAM, 2pm, Cosumnes River College Stadium, 447-8862

HOLLYWOOD PHOTOGRAPHY, Rico Razzo, 6-9pm, Open Book, 910 21st St, 498-1004

10 SUNDAY

SACRAMENTO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, 11am & 1pm, Tsakopoulos Library Galleria, 922-9200

WALLEY SHERWOOD ANNUAL LOOK ALIKE CONTEST, 4pm-7pm, Daddy's, 440 Castro Street

KARAOKE, FACES, 2000 K St, 448-7798

SPIRITUAL ESSENCE EXCHANGE READING GROUP, 6pm, Open Book, 910 21st St, 498-1004

11 MONDAY

SAN FRANCISCO PRIDE COMMITTEE, planning meeting, 7:30pm, 1390 Market Street, Suite 1225, San Francisco, 415-864-3733

MEN'S DISCUSSION AND SUPPORT GROUP, Lambda Center, 6pm, 442-0185

12 TUESDAY

IN THE LIFE, A look at gay/lesbian life from around the world, 11pm, KVIE, Channel 6

QUEER ARTS FESTIVAL, May 12-July 31, San Francisco, 415-552-7200

MOTHER LODE SESQUICENTENNIAL, the tall ship "Californian", Sails into Old Sacramento

POETRY GROUP, 7:30pm, Open Book, 910 21st St, 498-1004

MAY 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 & 28
Mercy Family Health Center
Methodist Hospital Campus
For Appt. 264-8066

13 WEDNESDAY

KARAOKE, FACES, 2000 K St, 448-7798

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP, 7pm, Lambda Center

CAPITAL CITY LEATHER ASSOC, monthly meeting, Joseph's, 1454 Del Paso Blvd. 922-8899

14 THURSDAY

AN AMADOR AFTERNOON, Wine tasting, KIVE Studios, 5-8pm, 2595 Capitol Oaks Drive, 923-7474 x6491

CONCERT: Richard Burdick with Dora Burdick, 12pm, Trinity Cathedral, 27th & Capitol, 530-661-2442

ECLECTIC TRASH BOOK CLUB, 7pm, Open Book, 910 21st St, 498-1004

15 FRIDAY

WILD WOMEN'S WEEKEND IV, Edgewater Resort, 707-279-0208

MOTHER LODE SESQUICENTENNIAL, May 15-17, Placer County Fairgrounds

MARIAH WILDERNESS EXPEDITIONS, Merced River, May 15-26, 510-233-2303

RAINBOW CAMPERS, Tower Park, Isleton/Rio Vista, May 15-17, 929-3074

CAPITAL CITY LEATHER ASSOC, Underwear Party, The Bolt, 2560 Boxwood, 9pm-12am, 649-8420

EVENTS MASTER CALENDAR '98

S.F. International Film Festival	April 23-May 7
Sacramento County Fair, 263-2975	May 7-10
San Francisco Pride Planning Meeting	May 26
Davis Gay Pride Day	May 31
Gay/Lesbian Days, Disney Orlando	June 4-7
Women in Medicine '98	June 4-7
Annual CAP/PAC Dinner, 736-2722	June 13
Sacramento Freedom Fair 863-3018	June 13
San Francisco Gay Pride Parade	June 28
Olympic Track & Field Trials	July 14-23
International Bead & Button Show	July 17-19
Capitol City AIDS Dance-O-Rama 863-3727	July 18
California Gift Show, L.A., 1-800-395-3901	July 18-21
San Diego Lesbian & Gay Pride Celebration	July 24-26
SAF: Legendary Gatsby Summer Gala, 448-2437, Ext 228	August
Paradise Ride, Hawaii, 213-654-0800	August 8-15
Cap the Rockies Ride, Colorado, 213-654-0800	Sept. 8-13
Mercy All-Star Weekend, 851-2701	
Golf -Friday	September 11
Softball- Friday	September 11
Gala - Saturday	September 12
SAF: Capitol AIDS Walk, 448-2437, x228	September
Speaking of Women's Health Conference	October 3
Coming Out Day,	October 11
Anniversary of Domestic Partners Law in 1992	November 16

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1998 Shrine Circus
MAY 15-17
Dan Russel Rodeo Arena, Folsom
447-2788

16 SATURDAY

GAY & LESBIAN SIERRANS, Backpack trip in Mokelumne Wilderness, 421-6209

PRE-COLUMBIAN MUSIC: 7PM, Colonial Theater, 3526 Folsom Blvd, 443-3424

PANEL MAKERS SEWING BEE, 10am-2pm, Pioneer Church, 27 & L St, 484-4164

NEVADA CITY WINERY OPEN HOUSE, 12-5pm, 312 Spring Street, Nevada City, 530-265-9463

17 SUNDAY

LLAMA FAMILY FUN DAY, 11am-5pm, 1780 English Colony Way, Penryn, 663-2184

SPRING PRIDE BOOK FAIR, 10am-6pm, The Open Book, 910 21st Street, 498-1004

CAPITAL CITY LEATHER ASSOC, Pig Out/Beer Bust, The Bolt, 2560 Boxwood, 9pm-12am, 649-8420

MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE, Cobb Mt., 707-279-0208

DOT, BAD SOFTBALL & BBQ, 11am, 923-2117

SPRING ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES FAIR, 8am-4pm, Old Town Auburn

6TH ANNUAL PACIFIC RIM STREET FESTIVAL, 10am-6pm, Old Sacramento, FREE, 443-6223

18 MONDAY

AT&T GOLF CLASSIC, Weave benefit, 1pm, Ranch Murieta Country Club

ANNUAL KIDS FAIR, 11am-3pm West Hollywood Park, 213-848-6510

MEN'S DISCUSSION AND SUPPORT GROUP, Lambda Center, 6pm, 442-0185

19 TUESDAY

COMMUNITY MEETING, Jayne Roundtree Commemorative Library, 920 20th Street Room 107, 927-9181

SOLANO AIDS WALK COMMITTEE MEETING, 2pm, Planned Parenthood, 1325 Travis Blvd, #G, Fairfield, 707-421-2750 x9

20 WEDNESDAY

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP, Check in and Planning meeting, 7pm, Lambda Center, 920 20th Street

INTRODUCTION TO REIKI, class with Charlene Parman and Brenda Wahl, 6:30-8:30, Urban Herbalist, 447-HERB

HOT JAZZ CONCERT SERIES, Brown Bag, 11:30am, Tsakopoulos Library Galleria, 828 I Street, 264-2770

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21 THURSDAY

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22 FRIDAY

FATHER-SON WEEKEND, American River Rafting, 530-367-2840

WOMEN'S MUSIC NIGHT, with The Flesh Petals, 8pm, Cafe Roma, 223 Third Street, Davis

24 SUNDAY

MEMORIAL DAY-COUNTRY ROCK, featuring Wayne Miller Band, Edgewater Resort, 707-279-0208

SCIENCE FICTION BOOK CLUB, 6pm, Open Book, 910 21st St, 498-1004

JAZZ SUNDAY, 9am-Noon, Central United Methodist Church, 5265 H Street, 452-5016

25 MONDAY

MEN'S DISCUSSION AND SUPPORT GROUP, Lambda Center, 6pm, 442-0185

26 TUSDAY

MICHAEL CRAWFORD IN CONCERT, 8pm, Concord Pavilion, BASS Outlets

POETRY GROUP, 7:30pm, Open Book, 910 21st St, 498-1004

28 THURSDAY

ECLECTIC TRASH BOOK CLUB, 7pm, Open Book, 910 21st St, 498-1004

30 SATURDAY

AVON RUNNING GLOBAL WOMEN'S CIRCUIT, 8am, William Land Park, 488-6580

INTO THE NIGHT, El Dorado Women's Center Fundraiser, 5-9:30pm, Serrano's Village Green, El Dorado Hills, 530-626-1450

FEMME GENDER CONFERENCE, May 30-31, Mission High School, 18th between Church & Dolores, SF, 415-552-7200

ANIMAL CARE FAIR, 10am-4pm, Sacramento County Dept. of Animal Care, 4290 Bradshaw Rd. 875-5051

MUSIC: DAVID MAHR, 7pm, Open Book, 910 21st St, 498-1004

MUSIC: MELONNEE DESIREE, 9pm, Savanna's Red Lion Inn, 1401 Arden

31 SUNDAY

DAVIS GAY PRIDE DAY, 11am-4:30pm, Central Park, 5th & B St, Davis, 753-8283

CALIFORNIA AIDS RIDE, May 31-June 6, 415-908-0400

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Women's Fishing Club Kim 454-2896 tfn

FREE WEBSITES
Are you part of a non-profit group? Do you have a volunteer w/internet access that can post your groups information? You will have your own internet address and it's FREE as a public service by the Sacramento Bee's Sacbee, Our Town. Call Greg Endicott at 321-1240. tfn

LAURA NYRO INFORMATION?
I'm working on a biography of the singer and songwriter Laura Nyro (1947-97), I would appreciate hearing from anyone who knew or worked with her or who has photographs, tapes or our documents. Michele Cort, mfk46@aol.com tfn

Employment

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Miscellaneous For Sale

PERENNIALS FOR SACRAMENTO
Many rare and hard to find plants. Sales benefit PWA's Sac AIDS Foundation and other non-profits. 18th & W Street, Midtown, 9am-4pm, closed Mondays. Info: Bob Hamm 446-5384 5/1

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Roommates

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Pets

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Pets: Do you go to work with your mom or dad? Mom or Dad: MGW Newspaper would like to feature you and your pet. Send us a photo with a caption or call 441-6397 tfn

DACHSUNDS
Dachsunds Rescue need homes, all types. Pat 443-0244 tfn

Real Estate

MOM LOOKING FOR HOUSE
My Mom is looking for a House to buy in Sacramento: Land Park, Curtis Park, East Ranch, Sierra Oaks. Must be a modern home w/2bed/2 baths, modern kitch, no upstairs, small yard for gardening, $150,000 range, Linda 441-6397 tfn

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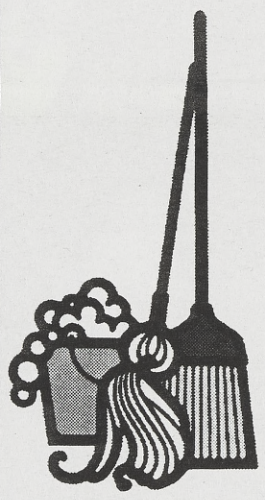

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HONEST MALE
GPWM, 50ish, 5'11", 170lbs, new to area, into arts/outdoors. Seeks sincere, trustful male, 24-50, in good shape for warmth, friendship and possible relationship. Please call. **5/14 ✆2178**

PLACERVILLE AREA
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DON'T GET OUT MUCH
HIV widower seeks companion. You drive. Movies, plays, dinner, etc. maybe more... **6/18 ✆2118**

I'M THE ONE
28 year old, WM, Top, Brn/Blu, 5'11", Would like to meet W/L/M late 20's to mid 40's for friendship, poss. long term relationship. HIV+ a plus. **5/14 ✆2131**

LOOKING
GWM - 5'2", blonde hair, hazel-blue eyes, 140lbs, looking for friends and long term relationship. Like movies, walks, cooking and different types of music, among other things. **6/4 ✆2164**

COLLEGE GUY WANTED
SWM - 20, 6'3" blond looking for guys to hang out and go crazy with. You (18-25, good looking) should like movies, club, Starbucks, and conversations. What are you waiting for? Call now! **6/4 ✆2165**

EAGER BOTTOM
Athletic, tall GWM in late twenties desperately seeks a chance to be a bottom for African American Guys. Age, size not important. Willing to explore new sensations. Uncut a plus. **6/4 ✆2166**

LIKE CHUBBY GUYS
GWM, 52, 5'10", 235lb, masculine, hairy bear, seeks husky/chubby masculine guy for fun, romance and dating. Not into games or bars. Tired of being alone and hunting. Be adventurous and call. **6/18 ✆2179**

SEEKING FRIENDS
GWM, early 40's, new to Sacramento would like to meet a friend(s). Shy reserved, HIV-, non-smoker seeks same to show me around town and hang out. Work/own a car. **6/4 ✆2167**

MEN
Nicely horned but neglected satyr seeks talented and unusual friends (TV's, TS's, etc.) **6/4 ✆2170**

SEEKING MEN
GWM 5'2", 140lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, with moustache and small goatee. Seeking men 24-40yrs old. Very versitale person, like walks, music and movies. **6/18 ✆2180**

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I'm slim, affectionate, and smooth. Early 20's, 123lbs. You be dark, masc., and hairy. Facial hair a No. 1 turn-on. I'm friendly, comfortable, passionate, and romantic. Maybe possible relationship. **6/4 ✆2172**

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Sunday, 3/22, Faces. You: Kalamazoo College sweatshirt. Me: receding reddish-blond hair, flannel shirt, with hispanic friend. We smiled at each other several times. Hope we can get together. **6/4 ✆2171**

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People

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Bob Hamm Nursery raised more than $7000 for the Sacramento AIDS Foundation from a plant sale at 18th & W Streets.

MGW/Roni Jordan

Deacon Lin Tolbert and Rev. Elder Freda Smith

MGW/James Ozanich

Russ Marsh and Al Jensen at the Romanovsky & Phillips Concert raising money for Gay Games.

MGW/Lonn Miller

Hundreds decended on the State Capitol on AIDS Lobby Day, April 20 to lobby their legislators.

MGW/Ray Nelson

Gay & Lesbian Sierrans (GLS) mountain bikers rode the challenging Quarry Trail along the American River despite a bit of rain.

MGW/James Ozanich

Ellen Pontac, Larry Hoover and Shelly Bailes all of Davis attend Romanovsky & Phillips Concert.

Last Years Celebration on Gay Pride Day in Davis. This year it is scheduled for Sunday, May 31